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Urban Council

FOR those members of the public who crave drastic reform of the Urban Council, the new ordinance which was given its first reading on Wednesday will disappoint. It must be remembered, however, that it was not the intention of the legislators to revise the constitution of the Council, but to streamline procedure governing elections.

In this respect the revised Ordinance is competent, without in any manner being startling. The two most interesting of the new provisions are the consolidation of the electoral roll, involving abolition of a three-part register, and the power of the Governor in Council to require a Council candidate to lodge a deposit, which, in the event of failure to obtain a certain percentage of the total poll, will be forfeited.

Consolidation of the electoral roll is sensible, and it will be labour-saving both for the Registrar and for those sections of the community who do not appear on the jury list yet can still obtain the right to vote. This may encourage a bigger poll at future elections.

REACTIONS to the deposit and forfeiture provisions are likely to vary. One danger of the imposition is that it might drive out of the election field independent candidates, leaving it clear for political groups and parties, whose aims are opposed and whose candidates, therefore, could not completely represent the will and desire of the electorate.

In its favour the system helps to protect the community from having thrust upon it candidates who know they possess no chance whatever of winning a popular vote, but who will, if there be no deterrents, insist on taking part in a costly election at virtually no personal expense.

The amended Urban Council Ordinance will raise no great objections, but in its present form it will not produce general satisfaction. Still requiring attention is the question of an enlarged Council, its composition, and its future status. All this, it is presumed, will occupy the attention and consideration of Government during the coming months.

US AND "SUMMIT" TALKS

25 Out Of 44 Back Diem

Assembly Split

Saigon, May 5. Delegates from 25 of Vietnam's 44 provinces tonight gave full powers to the Premier, Ngo Dinh Diem, to end the present crisis, fight Communism and set up a National Assembly.

Mr. Diem, victor in a week-long battle with rebel warlords, had earlier been sent a resolution demanding the deposition of Bao Dai, the Head of State, which was passed by another meeting called here by the revolutionary junta led by General Nguyen Than Phuoc.

The provincial delegates, forming an elected National Assembly of about 975 members, were summoned by Mr. Diem, but were nearly split over attempts to preserve his autocratic powers.

HEATED DEBATE
After a heated debate they chose one member from each of the 44 provinces to carry on the debate in committee, and the morning session of the full congress was suspended.

But 21 of the chosen delegates—mostly from the southern part of Vietnam which has long opposed Mr. Diem's regime—walked out.

The congress, which did not reach a decision on Bao Dai, met in the Premier's palace. The junta's congress met in a small theatre on the shell-pocked Boulevard Gallieni.

Hitch Spoils Ceremony
Bonn, May 5. The West German Bundestag (Lower House) ceremony marking "sovereignty day" was delayed by a last-minute hitch in time for the ceremony. So did the diplomatic corps including Sir Frederick Hoyer Miller of Britain and M. Francois Poncet, France.

But they found the Chamber deserted except for a few charwomen. The bewildered arrivals sat down and waited.

Then somebody told them the afternoon session had been postponed without their knowing. They left.

An hour later the session began but by that time the British and French Ambassadors had gone off to lunch.—Reuter.

Opposition To Proposal Expected

FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING FIRST

Washington, May 5.

The United States was reported to be ready today to oppose any eleventh-hour British moves to ask Russia for a Chiefs-of-State meeting before the Big Four Powers hold a parley of Foreign Ministers.

The US Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, is expected to outline the United States position when he talks with his British and French opposite numbers in Paris beginning on Sunday.

The Eisenhower Administration is understood to feel that the reported British support for a top-level meeting first had a definite political touch.

It was pointed out that the British are holding elections on May 26. The idea of a "meeting at the summit" always has had more political appeal in Britain than in the United States.

"Things always look better over there from the summit," one official said.

Some officials believe that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan, at Paris next week will not press too long or too hard, if at all, for prior top-level talks. It was understood that the British had given their tacit approval to a three-power approach to the Soviets which would propose a Foreign Ministers' conference on European problems at an early date. This seemed still must be accepted officially by Mr. Dulles, Mr. Macmillan and the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Antoine Pinay.

Reports that Sir Anthony had switched his position from Foreign Ministers to Chiefs-of-State talks as a first move to ease tensions were received here some time ago.

Officials were surprised at this because Sir Anthony, when he was Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons on March 28, that the procedure for talking with the Russians included a meeting "at the Foreign Ministers' level" first and possibly at other levels as well at a later date.

Because of strains on American-British relations over the Far Eastern crisis as well as the forthcoming British elections, the United States is not expected to take issue openly or violently with the British.—United Press.

ATTITUDE UNCHANGED
Washington, May 5. The United States still believes that the Big Four Foreign Secretaries should meet to prepare groundwork ahead of a meeting "at the summit," a State Department spokesman said today.

The spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, was asked to comment on press reports that Britain with "election jitters" had suggested that the leaders of Britain, France and the United States should meet with the Premier of the Soviet Union without a preparatory meeting of Foreign Ministers.

Mr. White said he could not comment on that matter and when asked if the United States had changed its earlier stand that a Foreign Ministers' meeting should precede a higher level conference he replied: "As far as I know the United States position has not changed. I think both the Secretary of State and the President have spoken on this subject quite exhaustively and I know of no change in attitude."—Reuter.

BAN ON JEWS

Cairo, May 5. All Jews who have had contacts with Israel or who have worked for Israel will, in future, be banned from all the Arab countries, it was announced here today.

This decision was taken by a Pan-Arabian Conference just held in Damascus on boycotting Israel, the Arab League Secretariat announced.

In future, said the League, all Jews expelled from one of the Arab countries will be automatically excluded from the others.—France-Press.

Indonesia Said Willing To Mediate Over Formosa

Djakarta, May 5.

The Indonesian Information Minister, Dr. Lumbang Tobing, when interviewed on Indonesian press reports that the Djakarta government had offered her good services in the Formosa problem, said that Indonesia's preparedness to mediate if requested to do so would be in line with the spirit of the Afro-Asian conference.

Political circles in Djakarta thought that Indonesia seriously considered to offer her mediation. They pointed to the facts that the Indonesian Ambassador in the United States, Moekarto Notowidigdo, who was on a trip on the west coast, was called back to Washington and that the Indonesian Ambassador to Peking, Arnold Mononutu, who flew to Djakarta with Premier Chou En-lai, would soon return to Peking.

NEW WONDER PLANE

Washington, May 5.

A plane which can convert itself in flight from a helicopter to a conventional aircraft and back again has been produced in the United States, it was disclosed today.

Known as the XV-1 Convertiplane, it uses an overhead rotor like that of a normal helicopter to take off vertically.

Upon gaining height, power is shifted from the rotor to a pusher-type propeller behind the pilot's compartment. The machine then moves forward like a conventional aircraft with the overheard rotor "windmilling."

The XV-1 can carry three passengers or two stretchers, cases and a medical attendant in addition to the pilot.—Reuter.

QUEMOY AREA BARRAGE

Taipei, May 5.

Communist Chinese guns today shelled the offshore island of Quemoy held by the Chinese Nationalists, the Nationalist Defence Ministry reported.

The Ministry said that 11 rounds fell onto the island of Lienho on the Chinese mainland, causing no casualties or damage. Communist guns on Amoy tonight fired more than 150 rounds at Little Quemoy, a sister island two miles west of Quemoy which is off the Chinese mainland, the Nationalist Defence Ministry added. The communiqué said the bombardment lasted 45 minutes.—France-Press.

Cause Of Raid False Alarm

Oakland, Calif., May 5.

A "yellow" air raid alert, implying that an attack was expected, was broadcast in seven Western states today before it was discovered to be a mistake.

The air force blamed a delay in properly identifying American bombers flying in from the Pacific. The first report that unidentified planes were approaching came from a Canadian radar station.

The continental air defence command at Colorado Springs, had been notified of the flight by B-47 jet bombers, but a communications delay in the defence system prevented the word from reaching Western air defence units in time, the Air Force said.

The jet bombers were taking part in training exercises along the West coast, it added.

The "yellow" alert was cancelled a few minutes after it was issued.—Reuter.

PLEAD GUILTY TO TREASON

Paphos, Cyprus, May 5.

Nine supporters of Enosis—Union of Cyprus with Greece—faced a maximum sentence of life imprisonment today after they pleaded guilty to their trial to a charge of promoting a change in the Cyprus government by force.

Two other accused men pleaded guilty to having unlawfully imported explosives into Cyprus, and the remaining men were acquitted.—France-Press.

The Aga Khan's Life Story

In tomorrow's week-end edition of the China Mail, the Begum Aga Khan tells the story of her life with the Aga Khan, his family and his friends.

This is one of the many feature highlights you will find in the big 20-page Saturday Mail.

Giles took an enforced holiday during the recent London newspaper strike makes a triumphant return to his usual corner. Here are some other special features appearing in the paper:

- ★ Peace and Pandity: these are the words which will influence the coming General Election, says Derek Marks.
 - ★ Mr. Howe, of London, disappeared for 17 years and then returned— one of the world's strangest stories by Peter Jackson.
 - ★ Raymond Chandler confesses: René MacColl reveals some of the secrets of the famous author of "The Big Sleep" and other detective thrillers.
- In addition there are film reviews by Jane Roberts, three pages of local and overseas pictures, week-end women's news including a review of new Italian fashions in London, short story, another "Did It Happen?" story and your other favourite features all in the China Mail.

Incharran Was Fired On By Junks

An official statement issued by the Government Public Relations Office this morning states that the 3,529-ton Incharran, managed by Williamson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, reported at 11.46 a.m. on Wednesday she was stopped by two motor junks firing at her, and subsequently reported being boarded.

Nothing further has been heard from the Incharran. At the time the ship was some ten miles south of White Horse, and was bound for Shanghai from Fuzhou.

As far as is known, no deaths or casualties were sustained.

Cut In US Forces Approved

Washington, May 5.

The Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives today approved government plans to reduce the number of troops in the armed forces of the United States.

The plan calls for the slashing of troops in the United States armed forces by 102,000 men between June, 1955 and June, 1956.

If the cut is approved by the House and Senate, the US armed forces will consist of 2,854,000 men in June 1955 against 2,954,000 men in June of this year.

Emphasis will be placed on modern weapons and air power in the new "atomic" army.

The number of civilians in the army will be reduced from 1,181,000 to 1,171,000 over the same period.

The committee also voted a bill providing \$31,488,206,000 in new appropriations for United States defence for the 1955 fiscal year.

The appropriations, added to money left over from the present year, will provide a total of \$43,081,000,000 for the Department of Defence for the next fiscal year, if approved by the House and Senate.

The amount of appropriations voted by the committee represented a reduction of \$744,508,000 in the amount originally asked for by President Eisenhower.

The committee report declared, however, that it would vote additional funds if the world situation worsened.—France-Press.

Conant Appointed

Washington, May 5.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today unanimously approved Mr. James B. Conant to be Ambassador to the new Republic of West Germany.—Reuter.

NO RESPONSE

The Associated Press sought from the Hungarian Foreign Ministry information as to his whereabouts. Early in March the Ministry referred the inquiry to the United States Legation in Budapest which was able to report rumours that Dr. Marton was being detained by the Hungarian authorities.

Efforts to learn the nature of the charges against Dr. Marton had been unavailing, the agency said. The Foreign Ministry had not responded to several letters and messages in the past two months.

Dr. Marton, 44, is a Hungarian national. He was educated in England and at the Budapest University.—Reuter.

Exile Decision Is Final

London, May 5.

Mr. Arthur Dods Parker, Commonwealth Under-Secretary, reiterated today that the decision to exile Sirvis Khams from Burma was final.

Mr. Parker had asked if the decision that the banishment should be permanent could be reconsidered.

He said the original period of five years' banishment was now up and the Bhamawato tribe still wanted him back.

Mr. Dods Parker said he had nothing to add to a reply he gave to the same question last December, when he said the decision was final.—China Mail Special.

Secret Marriage Poses Divorce Problem

London, May 5.

The London Divorce Court ruled today that a decree absolute granted to the Marquis of Bath and the former Marchioness in 1953 did not apply to their secret marriage 28 years ago.

The court said it referred only to their big society wedding at a wartime church in the London West End a year later.

Both parties have since remarried and the presiding judge, Lord Merriman, said he was not at all sure about the situation.

The secret marriage was brought to light recently in a book of reminiscences by the wife, now Mrs. Alexander Fielding.

Lord Merriman today rejected an application by the former Marchioness to have the decree absolute amended to cover both marriages.

Lord and Lady Bath concealed their first marriage at St Paul's Church in the West End of London on October 8, 1926, because it was strongly opposed by their respective families, the judge said.

He was then heir to the title and she was Miss Daphne Vivian, daughter of the fourth Lord Vivian.

THE FIRST WEDDING

The judge said today that in her petition for divorce the former Marchioness had said that she was married at St Martin's and the certificate for that wedding described them as spinster and bachelor.

No relatives or friends appeared to have attended the first secret marriage and a month later the husband left for America as previously arranged. By the time he returned in 1927 family opposition had been withdrawn but they decided not to inform their families that they were already married because of the trouble and distress it might cause.

They engaged and entered into various settlements which involved very substantial transfers of property.

Although the judge did not have Lord Bath's views on the subject, the former Marchioness had said that she came to look at the St Martin's marriage as the valid marriage and when she took divorce proceedings she naturally had that ceremony in mind, giving no thought to the earlier marriage.

The matter only came to the notice of her solicitors after she had published her book.

PRECISION ESSENTIAL

Any false information she may have given in the past regarding her marriage and divorce might be for consideration by others, the judge said.

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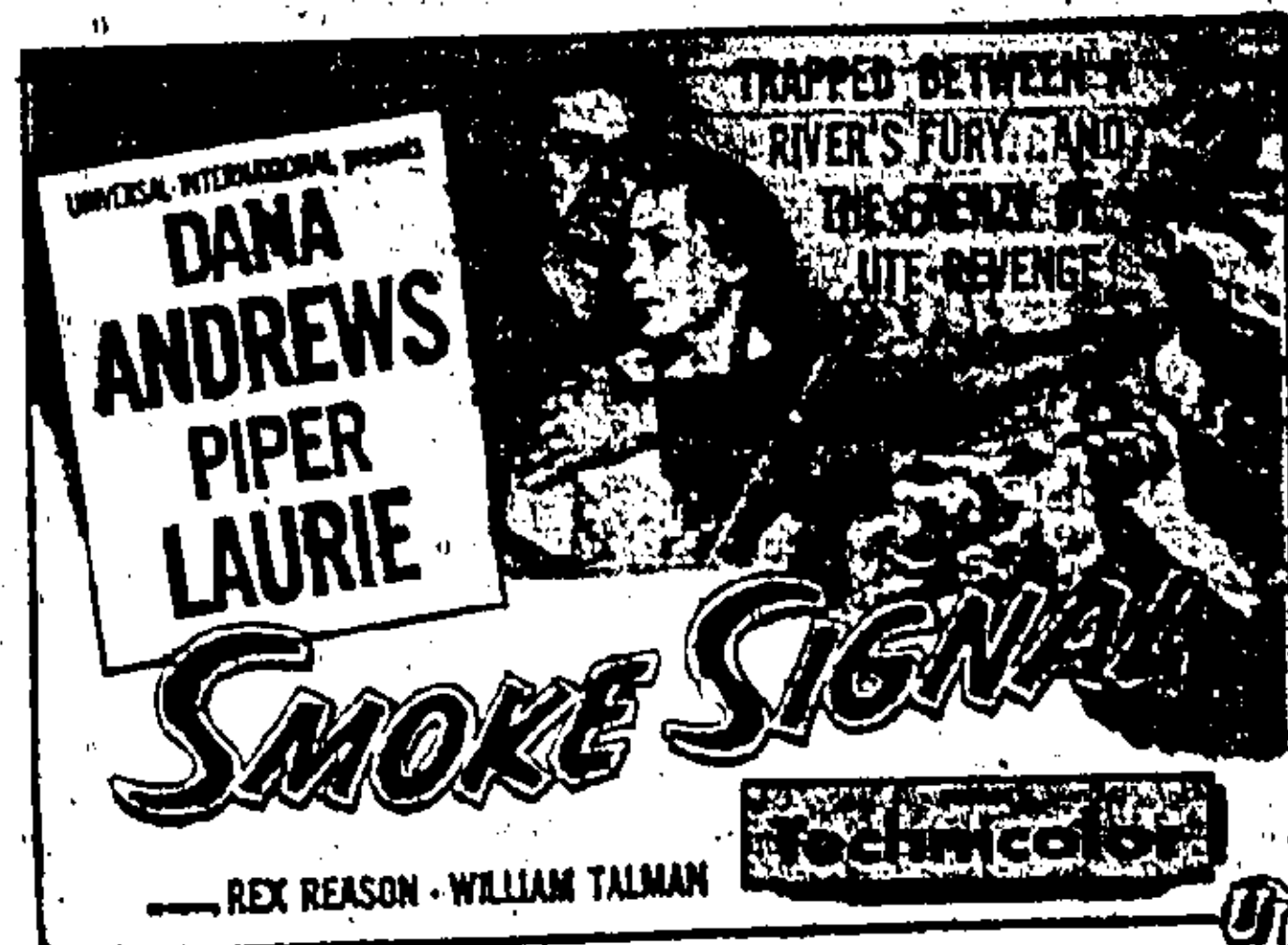
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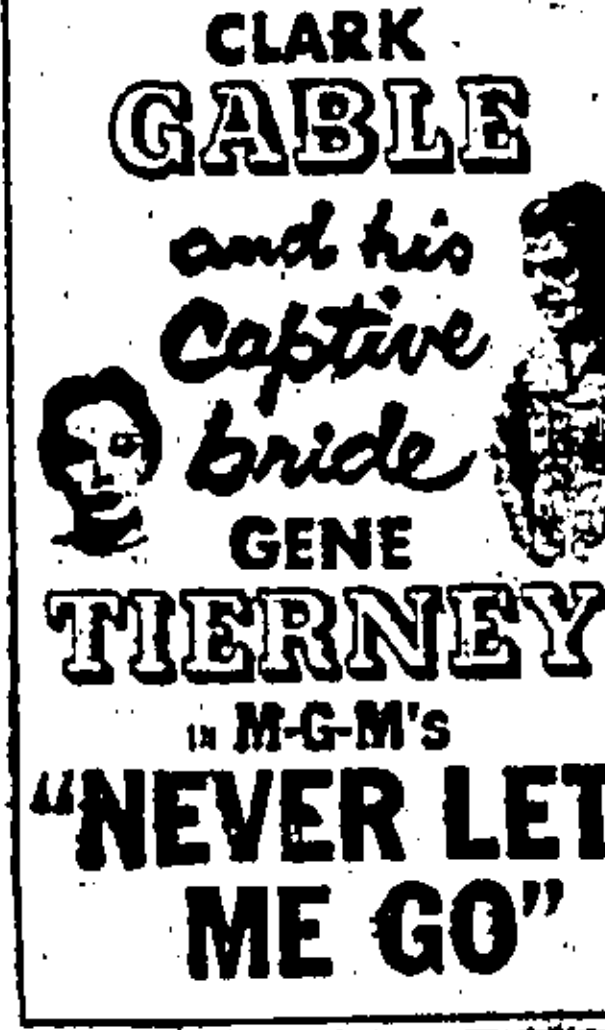


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IS CHOU STALLING?

No Answer On Formosan Negotiations POSSIBLE ILLNESS

London, May 5. Diplomatic opinion split today over whether the Chinese Communist Premier, Mr Chou En-lai was stalling his answer on Formosa negotiations or really recovering from recent illness. Mr Chou was last reported to be in Kunming at the weekend, after talks with the Vietminh leader, Mr Ho Chi-minh, on his return from the Asian-African conference at Bandung.

Some diplomatic quarters believed that Mr Chou's absence from Peking was designed to gain time before he gives clarification to the West of his recent offer to talk over a Formosa ceasefire with the United States.

Other diplomats said that Mr Chou was understood to have undergone treatment for appendicitis recently and was now recuperating from the strain of his illness and the Bandung discussions in South China.

There were no official indications in Peking of his whereabouts, nor has the Peking Government intimated to foreign diplomats the time of his return to office.

Britain's Charge d'Affaires in Peking, Mr Humphrey Trevel-

yan, asked the Government for an interview with Mr Chou immediately after his return. Mr Trevelyan was instructed by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Harold Macmillan, last week to approach the Premier personally for clarification of his offer for Formosa ceasefire talks.

So far Mr Trevelyan has not been able to confer with Mr Chou on account of the latter's absence from the capital, officials said.

The first diplomatic moves on Formosa were now expected to begin when the middle of next week when India's special envoy, Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, a roving Ambassador, arrives in Peking.

His visit stems from an invitation extended last week by Mr Chou to India's Premier, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru.

Mr Krishna Menon hopes to play an important part in mediation moves to bring the United States and the Chinese together for initial talks on the Formosa crisis, the informants said.

India was expected to synchronize its diplomatic mission with British moves through Mr Trevelyan in the Red Chinese capital. Britain has offered to act as mediator, to assist the start of United States-Chinese talks.

Pakistan's Premier, Mr Mohammed Ali, who, in Bandung, paved the way for a new diplomatic approach to the Formosa conflict is also scheduled to visit Red China shortly. No firm date has so far been disclosed.

British diplomatic observers showed little concern today over the delay in the projected Peking soundings.

They considered that Mr Chou had, at any rate, committed Red China not to use force in the Formosan conflict.

Britain's Ambassador to the United States, Sir Roger Malmgren, who returned to Washington at the weekend with new instructions from Sir Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister, and Mr Macmillan has since consulted the State Department on the future course of the Formosan diplomacy.

PARIS MEETING. Mr Macmillan was expected to discuss the situation further with the US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, at the weekend in Paris.

The British view is that the negotiations with Red China will be long and arduous and that any ceasefire will probably be reached by stages. — United Press.

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The Guests Depart



Sir Winston Churchill leaves No. 10 Downing Street in London after lunching with the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden and his wife who are on the steps of No. 10 to bid farewell to their guests. Sir Winston, who is uncle of Lady Eden, was accompanied by Lady Churchill. — Reuterphoto.

AID BILL WILL GO THROUGH

But May Be Whittled

Washington, May 5.

Senator Walter F. George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today he has no doubt Congress will pass the Administration's Foreign Aid Bill programme.

"But I don't know that it will come out at the amount the Administration has asked," he added.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, opened the Eisenhower Administration's campaign for approval of the \$3,530,000,000 programme in testimony before the Foreign Relations group.

Mr George told newsmen before the hearing that the biggest obstacle facing the bill is a reluctance by many law-makers to approve a big amount of "new money" when the foreign aid programme has carry-over funds estimated at \$8,000,000,000. This is unspent money from previous years.

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SEE THE NEED

However, he said, "when they understand what the carry-over really means, I believe they will see the need for some new money."

Some Senators have criticised the provisions for outright economic aid in the bill. Such influential members as Senators Harry F. Byrd and Richard B. Russell have said that they will oppose any outright economic aid.

But another Senator, Mr Hubert H. Humphrey, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that "the emphasis in the bill is wrong."

Mr Humphrey told newsmen that "what is needed, particularly in Asia, is more technical and economic aid" rather than such heavy emphasis on military assistance.

Mr Humphrey also endorsed an earlier suggestion by a Senator, Mr Mike Mansfield, that economic aid funds for "development assistance" be disbursed as long-range, low interest loans rather than outright grants.

Mr Humphrey said that the United States could have financed the new steel mill in India instead of the Russians if it had had an adequate programme for making such loans.

20-YEAR LOAN

He said that the Indians wanted a 20-year loan at three per cent which was not available in private finance channels.

The \$3,530,000,000 programme asked by Mr Eisenhower includes \$1,400,000,000 in outright military aid; \$317,200,000 in

"direct forces support" (supplementary military supplies); \$1,000,000,000 for "defence support" needs; a form of indirect economic aid; \$172,000,000 for so-called "Point Four" technical assistance; and \$475,000,000 for other minor programmes, including United Nations technical aid projects. — United Press.

OTHER DIVISIONS

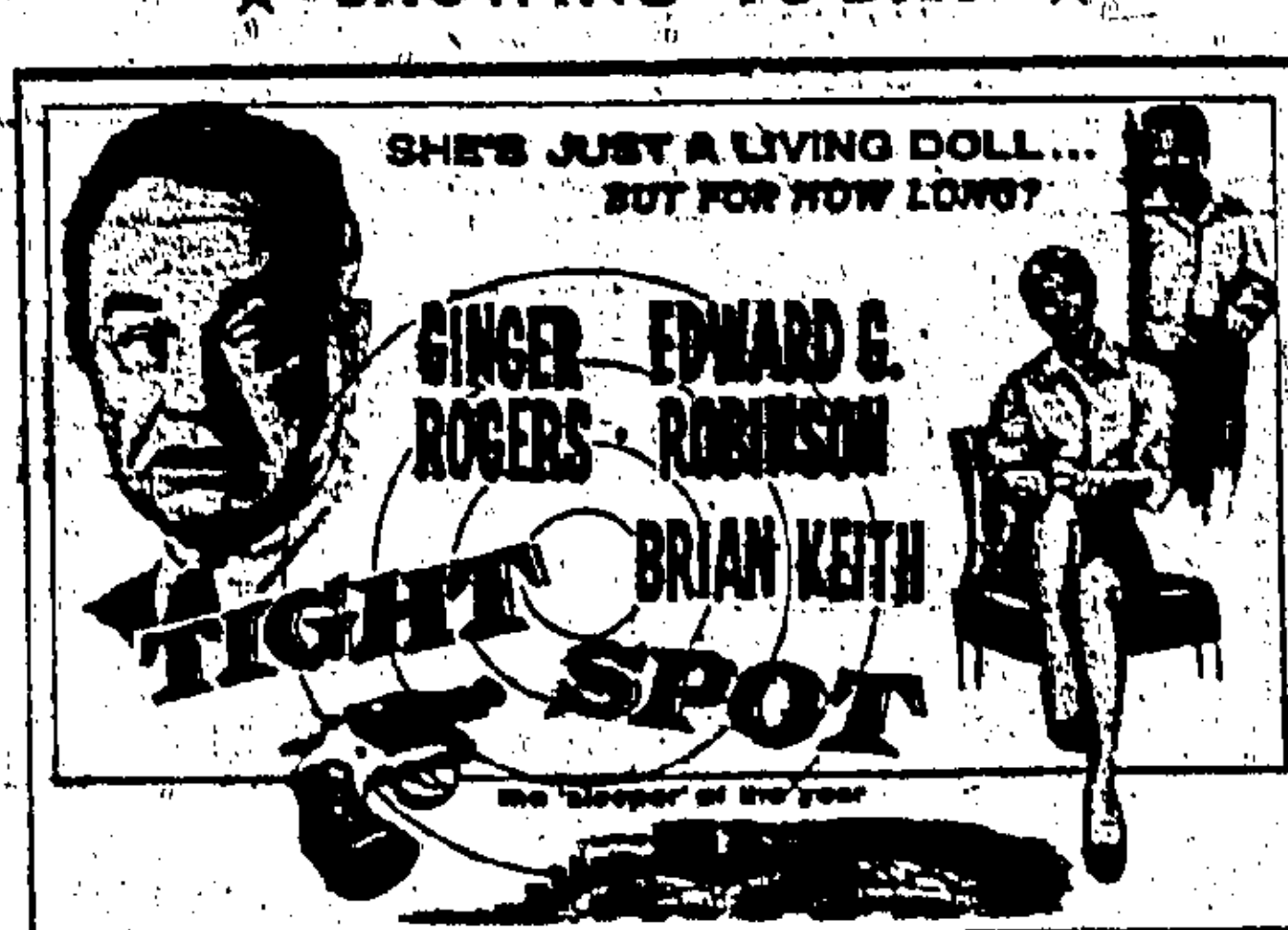
The delegation expects to meet Japanese businessmen from various sectors of that country's economy with a view to increasing trade between the two countries, the Council said. It added:

"It is hoped that similar discussions can also be held with representatives from other Asian countries who will be present at the Congress."

Counting wives, the Canadian group which will leave Vancouver by chartered plane next Wednesday and return on June 1 will number more than 50 persons. — United Press.

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MARSHAL ZHUKOV

ZHUKOV GOING TO BERLIN

Berlin, May 5. Marshal Georgi Zhukov, "Liberator of Berlin" and Minister of the Armed Forces of the Soviet Union, will attend ceremonies in the East sector of the city on Sunday to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the city's liberation. It was stated here tonight.

General Peng Teh-hual, Minister of Defence of the Communist Chinese Government as well as a large number of high-ranking officers of the "popular democracies" are expected to attend the ceremonies.

Zhukov will go on to Warsaw for the Communist nine-power conference, which according to recent official declarations, is to consider political and military counter-measures to offset the ratification of the Paris Agreement by the nations of Western Europe.—France-Press.

Chile Rejects British Proposal

Santiago, May 5. The Chilean Government tonight rejected a British proposal to submit the question of sovereignty over the Antarctic territories to arbitration by the International Court at The Hague.

Chile has established four Antarctic bases, the last of which—Deception Island—was inaugurated this year. This led to a protest by the British Government that the move flouted existing agreements about the establishment of new bases in the region.

Chile is reported to have claimed sovereignty over the island dating back to the last century, and has considered setting up an air station there for flights to the South Pole.—Reuter.

DEATH KNELL OF SOVIET POLICY

Restoration Of West German Sovereignty DULLES JUBILANT

Washington, May 5. The restoration of West German sovereignty was hailed today by Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, as the "death knell of Soviet policy" towards Western Europe. Mr Dulles said this during testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of President Eisenhower's new \$3,530 million (\$1,260 million) global foreign aid programme.

"Today marks the death knell of Soviet policy pursued in Western Europe for the past ten years," he said.

"They now have to throw up their hands and admit they failed." "They have to find new policies," he went on. "They will put the best face they can on their defeat."

Mr Dulles suggested the changed Russian policy in Austria would give new hope to other captive peoples who wanted liberation.

He thought West German sovereignty would bring nearer the reunification of all Germany. Mr Dulles said plans for Austria called for neutralisation but he doubted that would suit the German situation.

FULL ENERGY Mr Harold Macmillan, new British Foreign Secretary, in an article published in Bonn said we shall devote our full energy "to the task of German reunification."

Mr Macmillan, writing in the Englishische Rundschau, official British publication in Germany, said: "The tragic fate of these European countries which have lost their freedom, like the 18 million Germans now in bondage—in the Soviet Zone, has taught the world a lesson of how quickly freedom can be lost and how difficult it is to regain."

The article, written on the occasion of West Germany becoming a sovereign power, stated: "We hope and believe that the new association of France and Germany will grow even closer and more friendly."

"We are pledged under the Paris agreements to work jointly with the Federal Government for German unity...not only because of our pledge, but because we are convinced that the problem of German unity lies at the heart of all our European problems."

"Peace and stability will never be assured until this great objective has been reached."

"Success does not depend on us alone, but we shall work for it untravelling."

"The Federal Republic has obtained freedom and sovereignty. We hope that through our joint efforts it will be possible to establish a free sovereign and re-united Germany. But this sovereignty and freedom must be real."

MOSCOW COMMENT A Moscow radio commentator said today the coming into force of the Paris agreements would create "a dangerous hotbed of aggression in Europe."

The commentator, Nikolay Molchaynov, said it was "characteristic that Western politicians are trying to represent the proposed inclusion of West Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the other steps as measures almost leading to the consolidation of peace and a relaxation of international tension."

"But what relaxation can there be when the West German military clique are feverishly spreading up the rearmament of their country?"

Referring to the Moscow eight-power conference to consider the consolidation of the defences of Iron Curtain countries, Molchaynov said: "The coming into force of the Paris agreements and the intensified activity going on for their further materialisation, convincingly shows how the implementation of decision taken at the Moscow conference."

Another commentator told Moscow radio listeners: "The deposition of the Paris agreements by the governments of the Western Powers completes a definite phase in the policy of arming Western Germany."

"The Bonn revenge-seekers are now openly declaring that they have no intention of limiting themselves to the creation of a 500,000-strong army provided for by the Paris agreements."

"The deposition of the ratification instruments, the West German war department announced that besides the 12 divisions, additional land units are being set up which will consist of detachments armed and trained in conformity with the latest requirements of a modern war."

An English language broadcast by the radio tonight said: "It is only natural that the Soviet Union and the countries centred around it will now have to re-examine the situation that has arisen in order to take the proper steps to ensure their security and safeguard peace in Europe."

"The countries that signed the Moscow declaration ensuring peace and security in Europe will meet for this purpose in Warsaw next Wednesday."—Reuter.

Japanese Delegation In Peking

London, May 5. A 18-member agricultural delegation from Japan arrived in Peking this afternoon upon the invitation of the All-China Federation of Supply and Marketing Co-operatives and the China Peace Committee, the New China News Agency reported.

The head of the delegation, Mr Horioka, in a speech at the station said that the delegation had come to visit China with the warm wishes of the 34 million Japanese peasants for friendship and co-existence and common prosperity between Japan and China.

"We hope to learn from the brilliant examples of the Chinese people, and especially those of the Chinese peasants, in their construction," Mr Horioka said, "we also hope to hold agricultural talks on the basis of the peaceful co-existence of the two countries and in the agricultural sphere."—Reuter.



The Marchioness of Winchester (formerly Miss Bapay Pavry) and her brother, Dashurazda Dr Jal Pavry, arriving at Burlington House for the Private View of the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition.—Central Press Photo.

Afghans Reported Mobilising

London, May 5. Afghanistan was reported to be mobilising her army as the Afghan Embassy here said today relations with Pakistan were worsening because of Pakistan's decision to merge Northwest Frontier tribal areas into a new West Pakistan Federation.

The Embassy said that the Afghan Prime Minister, Mr Sardar Mohammed Daoud, had recalled his diplomatic representative from Karachi, the Pakistan capital, and had declared that "responsibility for any consequences" of Pakistan's federation policy would rest on Pakistan.

From Kabul, the Afghan capital, a radio announcement said that the Ministry of Defence was calling up all men between the ages of 25 and 32 to be ready to "fight all acts of aggression."

This followed Monday's broadcast by Pakistan's Premier, Mr Mohammed Ali, that Pakistan "would no longer tolerate Afghan interference in its domestic affairs."

Mr Ali said that if Afghan interference should continue Pakistan "would know how to deal with it effectively."

"Afghanistan realises," he said, "that the merger (of the Northwest Frontier tribal areas) would sound the death knell of their Pakhtunistan state."

(Afghanistan claims that the tribal areas between the river Indus and the Durand Line, which is the eastern frontier of Afghanistan, should be declared a separate and independent state of Pakhtunistan comprising some 7,000,000 "Pakhtun" tribesmen.)

The Afghanistan Embassy here said that Mr Daoud, the Afghan Premier, yesterday answered Mr Ali by declaring that the tribal areas have never been part of Pakistan.

"The allegation of Pakistan's interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs is, therefore, baseless," the Afghanistan Premier said.

APPOLOGIES He said that the Afghanistan Government had offered apologies and compensation for last month's attacks on the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul but that Pakistan was not satisfied.

Pakistan officials here disputed this stand by Afghanistan and said that although Afghanistan had offered apologies and compensation they had also asked for Pakistan apologies and compensation for supposed attacks on Afghan diplomatic missions in Pakistan.

The Pakistan Premier said it was "obvious that the ruling Junta of Afghanistan was in no mood to appreciate the necessity of maintaining friendly relations."

"In these circumstances, no alternative is left to the Pakistan Government save to act," Mr Ali said.

"As the first step, he said, Pakistan had closed two Consulates in Afghanistan and asked Afghanistan to close her consulates and trade agencies in Pakistan."

"It should fail to make the Afghan Government realise the consequences of these decisions and the irreversibility of their attitude. Another action will be taken," Mr Ali said.

'WE HAD A GOOD DAY TODAY'

Viennese Version

Vienna, May 5. The British, French, Russian and American Envoys ended their fourth session of talks on re-drafting an Austrian State treaty here tonight without issuing a communiqué.

A source said afterwards: "We had a good day today. The conference is going well and it will be a short conference. But I doubt if we shall get it over by tomorrow. There are still some difficulties, yet we are still very optimistic."

This source said that they had today completed the discussion of all the articles of the treaty. They were now engaged in retracing old ground which had been left unagreed.

It had earlier been hoped that in view of the concessions made by the Russians in a sudden change of front yesterday the conference would complete its work and issue a final communiqué today.

"SATISFIED" Dr Bruno Kreisky, Austria's Deputy Foreign Minister, said as he left the Allied Control Council building where the talks are taking place that they were "satisfied" with today's progress. The conference will resume at 1430 tomorrow.

The conference, attended by the Austrian Foreign Minister Dr Leopold Figl, has been working since Monday to re-draft the State treaty ending the Austrian occupation.

It will then be considered and signed by the Foreign Ministers of the four powers and a representative of the Austrian Government.

Conference circles thought the question of a guarantee of Austrian neutrality might be left to the Ministers' meeting.

It is believed that the only article still to be dealt with by the Ambassadors' conference are articles 33 dealing with the withdrawal of troops and 35 dealing with the disposal of former German assets in Austria.

The Russians had proposed that all Allied troops should be withdrawn by December 31 this year whether the treaty had been ratified by then or not. It was understood unofficially that the Western Powers had not agreed to this suggestion.

It was not known exactly what clauses had caused disagreement on the disposal of former German assets.

The only questions expected to cause difficulty in the economic clauses of the treaty were those connected with claims of Western nationals to such assets, and about whether the Soviet Government's concessions to Austria should be included in the treaty or form a separate bilateral agreement.

Paris, May 5. Ex-Emperor Bao Dai, Vietnamese Chief of State, will arrive in Paris from Cannes tomorrow or the day after, it was authoritatively learned here today.

Bao Dai's presence in the French capital will coincide with the visit of United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan, who are to discuss Indo-Chinese problems with the French Government on Saturday.—France-Press.

Paris, May 5. Mr Lee today declared he told the correspondent "it will be a very good thing if we can have a treaty with Communist China like the one recently signed by Mr Chou En-lai and the Indonesian Government" so that those Chinese who still have ties with their ancestral homes will have to decide whether they want to be Malaysians or Chinese.

In a big effort to clear this point Mr Lee pointed out that "one-tenth of the population in Malaysia are Indians. Half the rest are Malays" and of the Chinese in the remainder a high proportion are already Malaysians like myself.

The fiery Chinese independence fighter emphasised that he was not a Communist but if I have to choose between colonialism and communism I will vote for communism.

"Liberating himself to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Lee said: "In the same interview Mr Lee also said he opposed the sending of Australian troops to Malaya because there is danger they would be used to maintain the existing political order."—United Press.

SHAPE STUDYING

NUCLEAR WEAPON WOUNDS

Paris, May 5.

The treatment of wounds inflicted by nuclear weapons will be studied by the fourth annual 18-nation Health Service Conference to be held at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) today and tomorrow. SHAPE announced.

The conference will include representatives of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) countries and will be opened by United States Air Force Brigadier-General Wilford S. Hall, who heads SHAPE's medical department.

Tomorrow "Operation Aventura" will be carried out at the SHAPE to demonstrate a simulated attack with nuclear weapons and its effect on victims.

The operation will be directed by British Army Corps General Sir Frederick Harris, who heads the British Army's Health Service.—France-Press.

Communism Before Colonialism

Singapore, May 5.

The Secretary of the People's Action Party, Mr Lee Kuan-yew, today denied that if Malaya were independent it would become a Red Chinese province.

Mr Lee, who is sparking the People's Action Party's fight to smash colonialism and who is clamouring for immediate independence for Malaya, was quoted by a special correspondent of the Sydney Daily Mirror as saying: "If Malaya were independent it will become a Chinese State."

The correspondent then quoted Mr Lee as expressing the hope that the Chinese (in Malaya) would see themselves as Malaysians and not cling to Red China.

VERY GOOD THING Denying he had said this, Mr Lee today declared he told the correspondent "it will be a very good thing if we can have a treaty with Communist China like the one recently signed by Mr Chou En-lai and the Indonesian Government" so that those Chinese who still have ties with their ancestral homes will have to decide whether they want to be Malaysians or Chinese.

In his interview with the Sydney Daily Mirror yesterday, Mr Lee was quoted as saying: "In Malaya we are sitting on a powder keg. The Communists are certain to win and nothing any one can do can stop them—neither British nor Australian troops."

In the same interview Mr Lee also said he opposed the sending of Australian troops to Malaya because there is danger they would be used to maintain the existing political order."—United Press.



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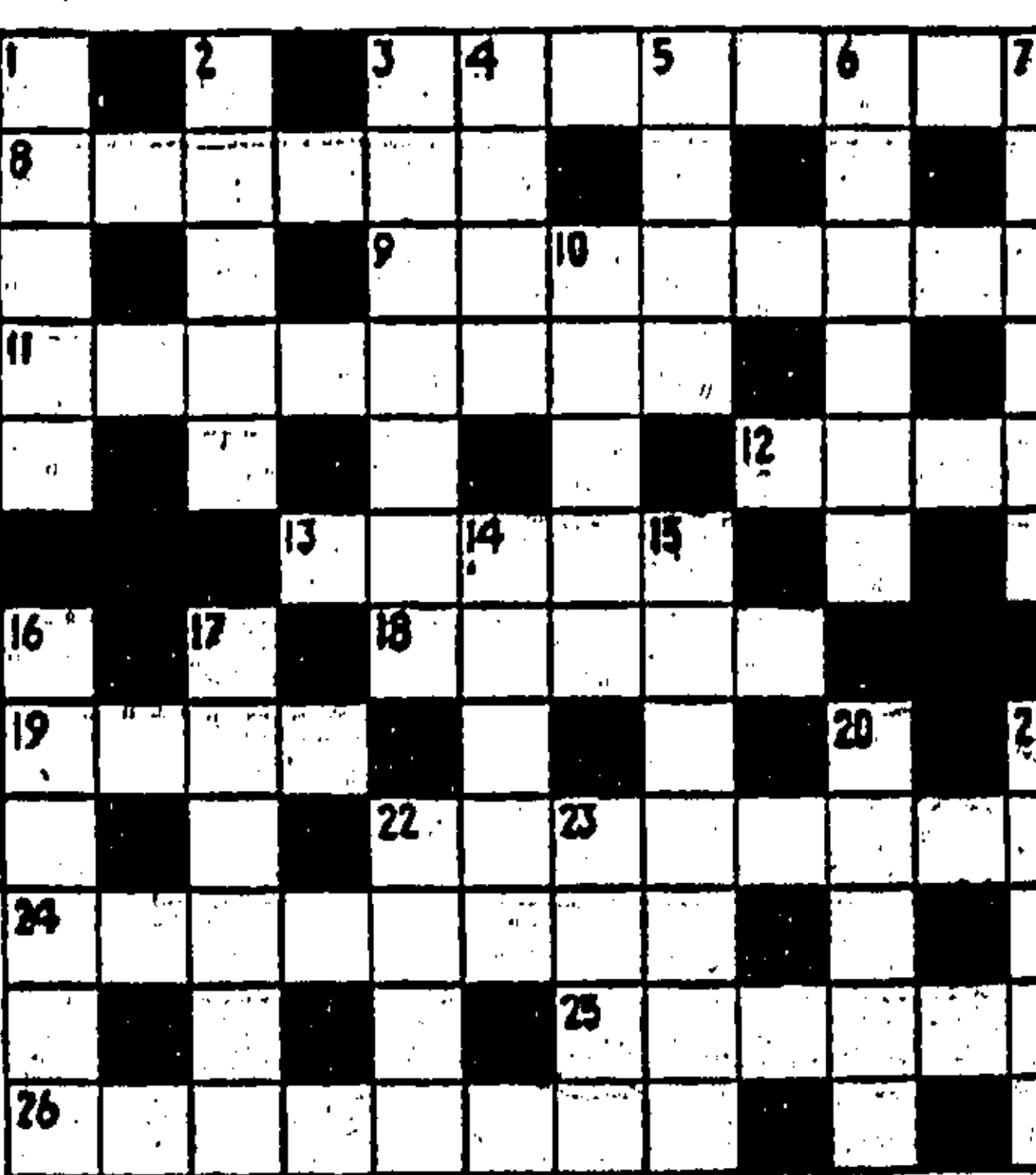
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TEA WITH MAHMOUD

"MADEMOISELLE, you are too sporty," sighed the Arab lift-boy disapprovingly as he took me down to the ground floor at four in the morning.

He had dealt with many eccentrics in that hotel but never before with an Englishwoman who continually arose at 3 a.m. and left hours before dawn with a rucksack and climbing shoes hung around her neck.

In the square outside, a naval car was waiting and an impatient hiss from that large red-faced character known around Beirut as "Monsieur l'Amiral" issued forth.

"Why the devil have you been so long? We must get there before dawn. Hurry."

Terrier faces

I climbed hastily into the back seat, where Torps was trying not to look sleepy. It was in the English sporting tradition to look keen at the beginning of long tramps and even in the dark we put on the alert, terrier faces which our leader approved.

R. K. was not really an admiral but a captain commanding the submarine flotilla then based in Beirut. He had such fierce eyebrows, however, that the Lebanese automatically gave him the grander title.

Bill, who sat beside him reading a map by torch-light, had for two years been one of his submarine commanders and was in the process of being "brought back to full strength" by mountain marches lasting from 12 to 15 hours. He had the correct quivering greyhound look even when his mind was full of cream-buns and nightclubs and was therefore a great favourite with his commanding officer.

Heavy perfume

Torps, as his name implied, was flotilla torpedo officer. A naval boxing champion, he had proved not only tough but divinely cheerful on the unutterable midnight skiing expeditions which R. K. had been organising for his officers in the snows of early spring.

Holding, at that time, a job under British Press Liaison, who had instructed me to "make a newspaper work" — I found that when I went away the sheet issued to our troops got no worse (perhaps that was impossible) and so I snatched at every chance to explore the loveliest little mountain range in the world.

R. K. allowed me to tag along and often arranged easy alternative climbs.

We were driving at break-neck speed along the old Phoenician coast road. Some way past Nahr el Kelb, where boastful Assyrian tablets were ed away from the sea and started to climb out of the heat, out of the heavy perfume of orange orchards into cool, exquisite heights.

Ahead lay a paradise unknown to Lebanese townfolk. During a skiing trip we had marked a certain remote valley near the top of the range as an ideal camping site. We had all longed to return and see its face unveiled by snow.

When dawn broke we had reached a village perched above a precipice. The road turned into goat track and we decided to leave the car.

Safe-keeping

Before many amazed and delighted eyes we carried out our bundles. I tried to have a few words with the village folk, who were handsome, red-checked and extremely vivacious, but my Arabic only caused laughter. It did not matter. Gestures made it clear that they would look after the car while we disappeared up the valley towards the distant snow line.

In Beirut one had the very matches stolen out of our pocket.

by Anita Leslie



Anita Leslie gave up acting to become a trainer of horses. Then came her war-time travels, including service in the Middle East, South Africa, Italy, Germany. With her husband, Commander William King, war-time submarine ace, she now lives in a twentieth-century fortress in Galway Bay. Her latest book, *The Fabulous Lebanon*, is a biography of her great-grandfather, who was also Sir Winston Churchill's grandfather.

Here, two hours away from caught in a thorn bush. Running civilisation, you could entrust towards it, we found a saucypan. any stranger with your watch or your wallet for safe keeping?"

R. K., carrying my load as well as his own with a kettle and saucypan tied on top, took up his favourite staff and started off. The village elders wished him well.

"Gone two nights," R. K. roared in English, holding up two fingers, and they nodded vigorously. A few youngsters trailed on with us, giggling about the "Sit" (the lady). Then after a few miles they caught their goats, offered us each a mug of warm milk and waved goodbye.

We trudged up a mountain side of countless wild flowers while the sun rose and pink oleanders grew scarcer.

After plunging into a pool we ate under the shade of a huge oak, and decided to laze.

By dusk R. K. had led us up to a glorious ridge, organised the collection of firewood and was

These tales by famous people COULD have happened. Whether they DID is for you to decide!

cooking a superb supper. My task was merely to heat the plates. It was cold up there near the snow line but strangely beautiful and silent.

Next morning we left our camp with blankets hung on bushes in the approved style and did not get back until nearly dark. On our return we saw to our amazement that food and cooking gear had been scattered and all the bedding was missing.

"Incredible," we gasped.

"These mountain folk never steal. We know them. It just couldn't happen."

"It looks as if there had been a fight," puzzled Bill.

We stared up the wide darkening valley. There was not a soul in sight. Not a human habitation for miles. Then, far off, we noticed a blanket

R. K. strode on to meet the approaching figure.

As the man ran toward us we saw that he was alone and carrying some of our gear. What could have happened?

R. K., whose anger had died, asked me to question the panting, beaming apparition. The story he excitedly poured forth, while pointing up the mountain, was difficult to comprehend. "He says that 'bad men' came and 'took' our stuff. We must follow."

R. K. was only too ready, but I did not want to attack a tribe of bandits with a stick, nor did I fancy being left alone in the dark.

The stranger's face reassured us. You just could not lead people into a trap with a smile like that! We climbed close on his heels to a cave where he revealed a cache of our belongings. "Lead on to the thieves!" roared R. K., but we all murmured.

Too tired

Meanwhile the Arab, while helping to carry blankets and pillows back to camp, continued incessantly to talk. I was too tired and hungry to follow the torrent of explanation though the words "bad men" which I did understand constantly recurred.

We lit a fire and started supper. Most of the food had been salvaged. Only one blanket, Bill's submarine sweater and my toothbrush seemed irretrievably lost.

The Arab sat on a stone beside us and naturally shared our food.

"I've a shrewd suspicion he invented the whole story," said R. K. "But at least he's a merry rogue."

"Perhaps he dragged the stuff away to get a reward for helping us find it."

We remained puzzled. Nothing that had occurred quite made sense.

Meanwhile the stranger sat there at his ease, laughing, joking and congratulating us on the good tea. Like all the mountain folk he looked poorly dressed, but his saucy red turban was extremely becoming. The wood fire lit up a finely chiselled face with sparkling black eyes. Of course he could not guess how little we understood of his spate of Arabic, but the sight of R. K. washing up in a nearby stream while I rested aroused fits of laughter.

Goodbye

"Do men really cook and wash dishes in England?" he asked. "Here it is the women."

I did not consider all his remarks suitable for translation. When the moon rose, Mahmoud (as we now knew him) stood up, and said goodbye volubly and poetically in the Arab fashion. Then he walked off towards the village.

"I suppose we ought to give him something, even if he did invent the brigands," said R. K., and called him back.



DRAWING BY KECOLMAN

Suddenly a man emerged from behind an avalanche of boulders and hurried towards us, waving his arms ...

With a wide smile that showed flawless teeth Mahmoud returned. But a frown passed over his hawk face at the sight of a proffered note and he firmly refused it.

Scenting the danger of hurt feelings we immediately changed tactics and asked if he would accept some of the praiseworthy tea. Immensely dignified, he stood there in his tattered cloak, put his hand to his heart and graciously accepted.

Puzzled

We watched him depart, still puzzled but feeling that we had been firmly put in our place.

Next morning we had to rise with the dawn, wash our faces with a handful of snow, brew up and hurry down the valley for the unbelievable as it seemed the war still continued and jobs awaited us in Beirut.

The village woke early and a crowd waited around our car. Mahmoud headed a small delegation which invited us first to sip the prepared tea, and then to return often and "bring our families." Every face was alight with smiles, and, amid the tumult we realised that a great tale of "bad men" was going the rounds.

A welcome

It must have been two months later that R. K., Torps and I drove up that mountain road again. Our band was disgorging. Already Bill had returned to England to take over a new submarine and R. K. was about to go off in command of an aircraft carrier. We longed to visit our valley again, but time forbade. We could but reach the village and spend half an hour in the thin cool sunlight. Arabs trooped out of their orchards and gardens to stage a welcome and to hope that perhaps our families had been added to recently, for disappointment showed on every Arab face when the inevitable questions were put and we answered truthfully that between the four of us only R. K. had a child.... and that a daughter! "Such beautiful men,"

the women would remark, "and only one child! It is a shame."

Today they led us to a table spread with cherries, olives, goats' cheese and arak. Mahmoud appeared and recounted the tale all over again to exclamations of horror and approval. But today a Lebanese gendarme was in the crowd. As he spoke fluent French the true story was revealed to us for the first time.

Mahmoud had walked up with a couple of boys to see how the "Englishmen and their lady" were doing on the mountain top. When he reached our camp it was to see "an enemy village" from the other side of the mountain dragging off our belongings "to humiliate the honour of this village which had you under their protection," said the gendarme. I reported it all to the police post over there.

Quite alone

Single-handed — for the lady could hardly wield sticks — Mahmoud had fought the raiders with his staff and finally driven them, dropping blankets and saucypan, straight up to the watershed and down the other side of the mountain. Then he collected all he could find, sent the exhausted boys home and waited for our return.

Quite alone he must have fought a band of men for several hours and guarded our belongings for half a day. His reward had been a cup of tea and the appellation of rogue. Happily Mahmoud will never know the cause of our blushes.

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

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HESKETH PEARSON

Did yesterday's story — The Phantom Gardener, by Nigel Balchin — actually happen? The answer: NO.

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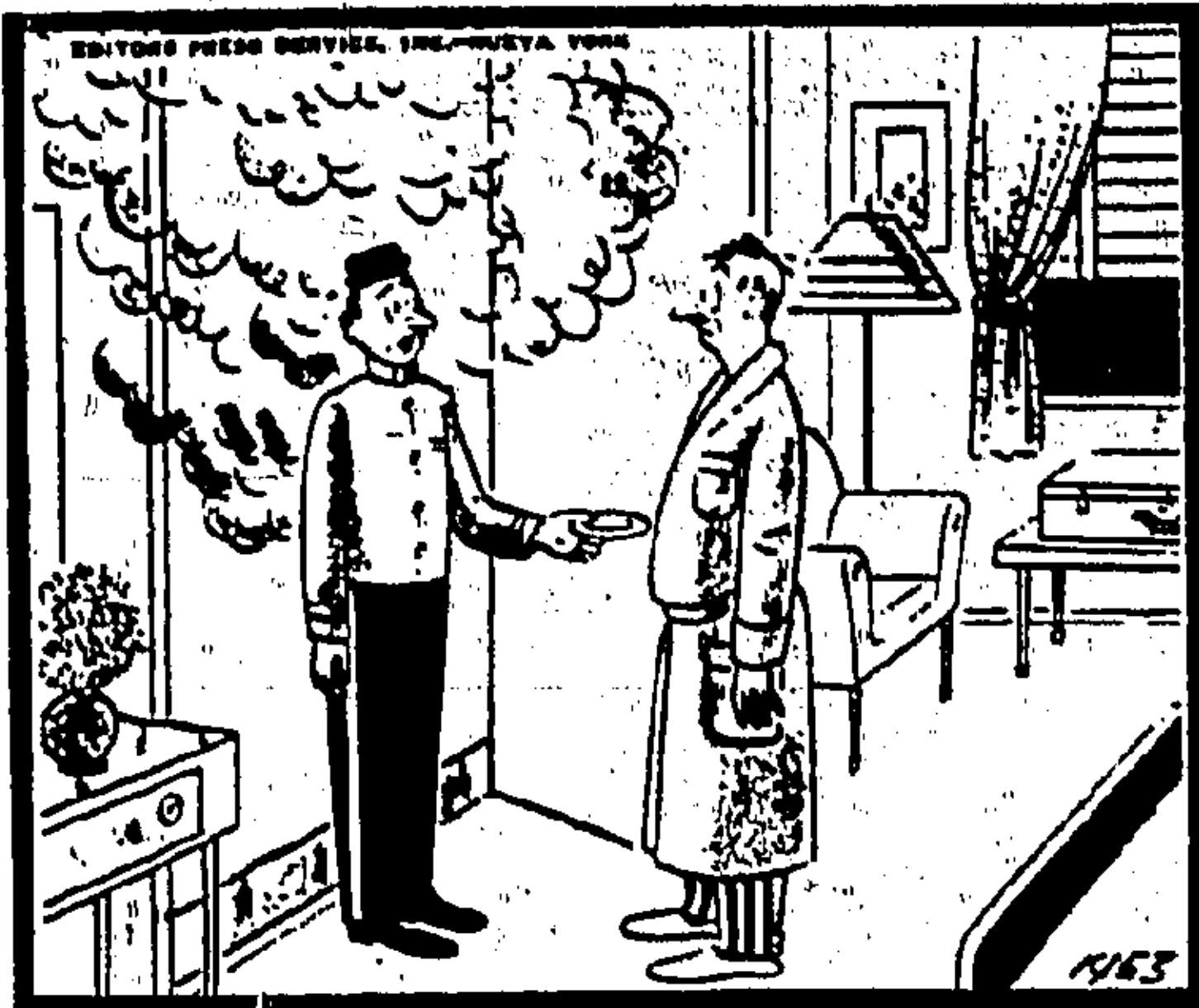
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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MAY 6

BORN today, you have a many-sided nature. You have an acquisitive mind and like to know something about everything. As a child, this characteristic may be called inquisitiveness, for you are always asking questions. But your parents will discover that this is actually an attempt to get concrete information on a subject. Your "whys" always make sense. You are intrigued by the mysterious and for this reason the occult sciences might prove worthy of your investigation.

You have an inventive as well as analytical mind and if you put yourself to solving some complex problem, you have the ability to break it down into intelligible parts so that all who read can understand. Your writing ability should be cultivated. You also have talent in drawing but this you may utilize only as a

hobby. If you persisted, you might become a fine artist. But, as a rule, you have other, more pressing interests.

Kind-hearted and sympathetic, you are not one to display your feelings too openly. Those who do not know you well may consider you a little "stand-offish." Actually, you are waiting for the other person to make the first move. Your loyalties are deep and your marriage should be a happy one.

Among those born on this date are: Robert E. Peary, explorer; Tagore, poet; Sigmund Freud, psychologist; John McCutcheon, artist; and Rudolph Valentino, film actor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are alert, there is no need for worry. You will know exactly what to do when the time comes.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Base your decision on facts, not guesses, or you could be seriously mistaken in your judgment.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—One of those days when a positive attitude can offset signs that are not of the best for you!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you have found it necessary to take work home from the office, get it done bright and early today.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—The stars are auspicious for almost anything you may wish to undertake, especially home affairs.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you have been neglecting your correspondence lately, spend some time writing letters.

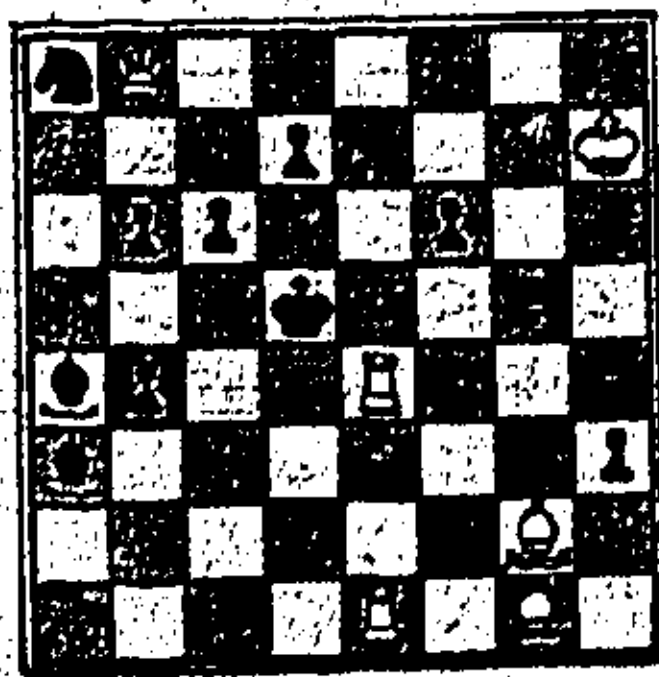
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—You might be able to find some excellent bargains if you are shopping for things for the house.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—By careful planning you can make your money go a good, long way. Watch quality at sales.

CHESS PROBLEM

By W. H. HARRING

Black, 10 pieces



White, 8 pieces

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-Q2; threat 2. R-KK4.

1. K-K4; 2. K-K3 (ch).

1. K-K4; 2. R-KK4 (ch).

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the right? Each word must be made by using the letters in the square in the order in which they appear. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. **WORDS TAKEN:** 20 words, good; 40 words, very good; 45 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

This Bid Takes Real Ingenuity

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand is very difficult to bid "by the book." North shouldn't open with one spade, with only 15 points in high cards, for such a bid shows 16 to 18 points. The normal bid of one heart is met by a normal response of one spade. So far so good.

At his second turn, North is reluctant to make the minimum bid of one no-trump. When possible, this rebid should be made on hands of 12 to 14 points, and a player who has 15 points or more in high cards should prefer a different rebid if he has a convenient one available. In this case, the rebid of two diamonds was reasonable enough.

What should South do next? Surely he must show a sign of real life with 14 points opposite an opening bid. A rebid of two no-trump is a slight understatement to three diamonds is a gross underbid, and a jump to three no-trump shows a club stopper that South doesn't really have.

When the hand was actually played, South made the jump to three no-trump anyway. He knew that he had no club stopper, but he hoped that the

NORTH (D) 23	
532	
KJ73	
KQJ2	
AJ	
WEST	
Q1097	84
A9	108652
85	0754
Q10753	K6
EAST	
AKJ6	
Q4	
A103	
9842	
South-South vul.	
North	East
1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass
Opening lead	♠5

opponents wouldn't lead clubs or that North would have a little help in order to stop the suit properly.

West opened the five of clubs, and South had to think carefully in order to make his contract. The "normal" play is to lead up by playing dummy's jack of clubs. East then wins with the king of clubs and returns the suit, knocking out dummy's ace. West gets the lead with the ace of hearts (or the queen of spades) in time to set the contract with the rest of the clubs.

South saw that the clubs were no threat unless West had led from a five-card suit. If West held K-Q-10-x-x he would have led the king instead of a small club. Hence if the clubs were divided 5-2, East surely had at least one honour in the suit.

Acting on this reasonable assumption, South won the first trick with dummy's ace of clubs. He then knocked out the ace of hearts at once. The club suit was now blocked. East had to win the next trick with the king of clubs and had to give up the lead to declarer.

Even if East had dropped the king of clubs on the first trick, West could have taken only two clubs. South's nine of clubs would then act as a second stopper in the suit.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North: East: South: West: 1 Club: Pass: 1 Diamond: Pass: 1 Spade: Pass: 2♦: Pass: 3♦: Pass: 4♦: Pass: 5♦: Pass: 6♦: Pass: 7♦: Pass: 8♦: Pass: 9♦: Pass: 10♦: Pass: 11♦: Pass: 12♦: Pass: 13♦: Pass: 14♦: Pass: 15♦: Pass: 16♦: Pass: 17♦: Pass: 18♦: Pass: 19♦: Pass: 20♦: Pass: 21♦: Pass: 22♦: Pass: 23♦: Pass: 24♦: Pass: 25♦: Pass: 26♦: Pass: 27♦: Pass: 28♦: Pass: 29♦: Pass: 30♦: Pass: 31♦: Pass: 32♦: Pass: 33♦: Pass: 34♦: Pass: 35♦: Pass: 36♦: Pass: 37♦: Pass: 38♦: Pass: 39♦: Pass: 40♦: Pass: 41♦: Pass: 42♦: Pass: 43♦: Pass: 44♦: Pass: 45♦: Pass: 46♦: Pass: 47♦: Pass: 48♦: Pass: 49♦: Pass: 50♦: Pass: 51♦: Pass: 52♦: Pass: 53♦: Pass: 54♦: Pass: 55♦: Pass: 56♦: Pass: 57♦: Pass: 58♦: Pass: 59♦: Pass: 60♦: Pass: 61♦: Pass: 62♦: Pass: 63♦: Pass: 64♦: Pass: 65♦: Pass: 66♦: Pass: 67♦: Pass: 68♦: Pass: 69♦: Pass: 70♦: Pass: 71♦: Pass: 72♦: Pass: 73♦: Pass: 74♦: Pass: 75♦: Pass: 76♦: Pass: 77♦: Pass: 78♦: Pass: 79♦: Pass: 80♦: Pass: 81♦: Pass: 82♦: Pass: 83♦: Pass: 84♦: Pass: 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Giants And Braves Are Dodgers' Most Dangerous Contenders

New York, May 5.

The Brooklyn Dodgers ran their latest winning streak to seven games and their season's record to an amazing 18 victories and two losses, on Thursday, when they beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-3 to complete a sweep of their first home start against the National League's Western teams.

The slowly-improving New York Giants reached the .500 mark for the first time with a 6-3 conquest of the Chicago Cubs, meanwhile, but the Milwaukee Braves suffered a fifth straight defeat, to the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Detroit Tigers edged out the Boston Red Sox 3-2 in the only other Major League Game.

Reserve catcher Al Walker drove in the winning run in the eighth inning with a pinch-hit sacrifice fly. The Dodgers maintained their eight-game lead over the Giants and opened up a nine-game gap on the Braves. The Dodgers are 7½ ahead of the second-place Chicago Cubs but the Giants and Braves are rated the

Dodgers' most dangerous contenders. Walker's game-winning fly came off right-hander Frank Smith, who had just replaced southpaw Harvey Haddix for the Cardinals. Duke Snider, who opened the inning by drawing a walk off Haddix, went to third on Roy Campanella's sacrifice when the Cardinals left the base unguarded.

Manager Walt Alston of the Dodgers then sent up Frank Keller to bat for Sandy Amoros. Manager Eddie Stanky of the Cardinals countered by replacing Haddix with Smith, whereupon Alston substituted Walker for Keller.

BATTLE OF STRATEGY

Walker, batting for the first time this season, resolved the battle of strategy in Alston's favour when he flied out on the first pitch to score Snider.

Rookie Ed Roebuck, third Brooklyn pitcher, received credit for the victory and Haddix suffered the loss. The Dodgers had taken a 3-2 lead in the third inning but the Cardinals tied the score in the sixth against Clem Labine, who earlier hit the first homer of his career.

Sal Maglie, aided by Marvin Grissom's relief pitching, gained credit for his first win and the Cardinals squared their season's record at 9-9. Substitute third baseman Willie Gardner drove in four runs for the Giants with a single and a baste-filled double. Harry Perkowski was the losing pitcher.

The Pirates won their fifth straight game with a 10-6 attack that included three by Dale Long that drove in six runs. Long also started a triple play in the seventh inning to crush a Milwaukee rally, spearing a line drive by Eddie Mathews with runners on first and second. Long threw to shortstop Dick Groat, covering second, and then took the return throw at first base.

Al Kaline tripped in the ninth inning to drive in French Hodfield with the run that gave the Tigers their victory over the Red Sox.—United Press.

Marciano Acts Like A Worried Novice Over Tough Cockell

By SCOTT BAILLIE

Calistoga, Calif., May 6.

Rocky Marciano, who speaks softly and carries a bomb in each hand, acts like a worried novice when asked how long he will take to deck Britain's Don Cockell in their May 16 World Heavyweight title bout at Kezar Stadium.

"All I can say is I'll be battling all the way to defend my title," smiles the Rock as he sits on his bed and plops a ripe olive into his mouth. "I've never seen Cockell—not even in the movies. So it could be tough."

"We got movies being shipped up here now from England," Manager Al Weill announces from a corner where he sits like an aged kewpie doll. "I'm sure took enough for us to locate any. I think Cockell's outfit was holding out on us."

"I understand that Cockell is a real old-time fighter," Marciano goes on in his guttural Massachusetts accent. "He spars

without a mouthpiece or head guard so I can tell right there he is tough. In fact, I think Cockell may surprise a lot of people."

Marciano, undefeated in 47 professional fights and victor in 11 by knockouts, faces one more week of heavy training up here in the California wine country and that suits him fine.

"I like wine," he says with his dark eyes lighting up. "A little glass of Chianti at night is fine even when a boxer is training but I lay off the heavy Italian food right now."

Final Acceptors For Epsom Derby

London, May 5.

Acropolis, the Epsom Derby favourite, is among the final acceptors for two races to be run next week. He has been declared with five others for the Newmarket Stakes to be run over 10 furlongs at Newmarket next Wednesday, May 11.

They are: Acropolis, Cobble, True Cavalier, Solarium, Roman Nettle and Rowland Ward. All carry 9 stone.

Twelve final acceptors for the Derby Trial Stakes to be run over 12 furlongs at Lingfield on Friday, May 13 are: Jardine, Alexander, National Anthem, Acropolis, Blue Legend, Sun Blazer, Blue Blazer, True Cavalier, Wardsworth, Solarium, Peter Angus and Mere. All carry 9 stone except Mere (8 st. 9 lbs.).

OAK TRIAL STAKES

Final acceptors for the Oaks Trial Stakes to be run over 12 furlongs at Lingfield Park on Saturday, May 14 are: Belladonna, Dark Helen, Shrimp Boat, Klondyke, Castalia, Blue Robe, Reel, Ark Royal, Stem Princess, Mrs. Grace's Curly, Sky Touch, Arlenda, Naval Paddock, Mrs. Fenwick, Pappagena, Fern, Mighty Mo, Lark, Arethusa, Royal Progress, and Thunder. All carry nine stone.—China Mail Special.

CIVIL AID SERVICES

No. 17. Orders by the Hon. C. E. Terry, Commissioner, Civil Aid Services of May 6, 1955.

Issue and Replacement of C.A.S. Identity Cards. (1) C.A.S. Identity Cards are now available for issue to all members who were issued with Temporary Certificates of Identification at the time of their enrolment. These Identity Cards will be issued by the Staff Officer to the member concerned during normal office hours on production of the Temporary Certificate of Identification. (2) Any member who did not produce a photograph at the time of his enrolment is required to bring a passport size photograph, with him, so that his card can be completed. (3) Identity Cards to replace those that have been lost or damaged can now be drawn from the Staff Officer on production of a passport size photograph and Registration of Persons Identity Card. (4) Payment of Production of Identity Cards—In future, no payments will be made to any member unless a Proper C.A.S. Identity Card is produced at the time of the period. (5) All members' Certificates of Identification will be considered null and void w.e.f. 1st May, 1955. (6) Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Services, 9.5.55.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

AFTER MILE RECORD



Pictured in action is 22-year-old Brian Hewson of Surrey, England in training for his record-breaking Mile attempt. With the assistance of his coach Franz Stampf, who has trained many record breakers, Brian's training is aiming at a three-minute 57-second Mile which he hopes to achieve in the near future. Already this year he has covered the three-quarter mile in the very fast time of 2 minutes 56 seconds which is .8 second inside Dr. Roger Bannister's record.—Express Photo.

Americans Advised To Drop Their Collegiate Wrestling Rules

New York, May 6.

Mr. Ichiro Hata, leader of a touring Japanese amateur wrestling team which beat almost all opposition in the USA, suggests that America will have better luck in the Olympics next year if it will drop its college wrestling rules and compete only under universal Olympic rules.

"The two differing sets of rules simply confuse the boys," said Mr. Hata. "The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules are more generous in what should be ruled a foul. For instance, in the NCAA a man is considered pinned as soon as both shoulders touch the canvas. Under Olympic rules, the shoulders must remain on the mat for a length of time."

Mr. Hata knows whereof he speaks. He has brought touring Japanese teams to America three times, and his boys have wrestled from coast to coast, always with success.

HANDICAPPED

"I know that the USA is handicapped by the differing sets of rules," he said. "If the Americans want to do well at the Olympics next year, they would be wise to wrestle hereon exclusively under the international rules."

"Of course, maybe I'm foolish to try to improve them. I hope that Japan does well in the '56 Games in wrestling and yet here I am trying to strengthen the USA squad."

Smiling, he then turned to the subject of the food his team ate during its American tour.

"The boys just couldn't get enough of the American food," he said. "They love hamburgers, sandwiches and ice cream. And they were eating too much starch. I had to put them on a diet. It's all right to eat a lot of meat, for the protein won't hurt. But the fattening foods..."

DUTCH TEAM WINS TULIP MOTOR RALLY

Zandvoort, Holland, May 5.

A Dutch team, W. Tak and W. Niemoller, driving a German Mercedes sports car, won the 2,000 Dutch tulip motor rally, which ended today with a speed test here.

Runners-up were J. Banks and A. Meredith Owens, of Britain, in a Bristol car.

Greta Molander, of Norway, won the Ladies Cup for the best women's performance. Driving a SAAB car, she finished ninth in the general classification. Britain's Sheila van Damme, in a Sunbeam Talbot, was runner-up.—China Mail Special.

ALL VERY CONFUSING AS BHOWANI JUNCTION COMES TO LAHORE

By KENNETH AMES

Lahore.

A strong force of fearsome riflemen came thundering into Lahore down from the North-West Frontier a few days ago. The most formidable fighting force to descend on this placid town for some years.

The invasion was staged for the benefit of M.G.M. who are at present on location shooting scenes for "Bhowani Junction" in Lahore.

Since they arrived two of the Frontier Force Riflemen have been picked for jobs which make them the envy of the regiment.

The first of them I found mounting sentry outside Ava Gardner's hotel room. This FFR, it seems, have become attached to the M.G.M. people in the way that frontier tribesmen have, and decided that an armed guard outside Miss Gardner's hotel room would be a "good thing" to keep off auto-graph hunters and other inquisitive persons.

The second lucky man, much to the indignation of the regiment, is the shortest of them all. He has been picked to play bismarck to Stewart Granger's Colonel Savage in the film.

BUSTIN OUT

"It was darned embarrassing," Stewart Granger told me. "They insisted on drawing the whole battalion up for my inspection and wanted me to pick out the suitable man. Darn it, I was only a subaltern during the war. I'm not used to that sort of parade."

"Anyway, they stood there bustin' out all over, obviously picked. But they were all big beggars, looking me straight in the eye. (Granger is 6ft. 2in. and his batman, in the book, is supposed to be a small, Gurkha rifleman.)

"Then suddenly I saw the band drawn up and right bang in the middle was the smallest man of them all. I picked him quickly before he disappeared."

Now the riflemen has attached himself to Granger as his batman both on and off the set—cleans his riding boots, and is usually busy polishing up "The Colonel's" Sam Browne.

MOCK STATION

It's all very confusing on the railway around Lahore these days. You think you are coming into the main station, but board everywhere in English and Urdu announce "Bhowani Junction."

Actually, author John Masters' best-seller is based on a town half-way between Delhi and Bombay. It is a story about the difficulties of Anglo-Indians in the days immediately before British evacuation and partition of the country in 1947.

But while M.G.M. were awaiting a decision from the Indian Government to exempt them from a formidable 12½ per cent sales tax on the film, the Pakistan authorities offered assistance.

"We had to get started pretty promptly before the hot weather threatened," said George Cukor, "so we decided to make the film in Pakistan and they really have gone out of their way to provide every facility."

I've watched an awful lot of films being made these past few years and barring Cecil B. de Mille's scenes of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt for "The Ten Commandments," I have never seen crowd scenes like those Cukor is handling at present in Lahore.

At one stage in a blistering fly-blown market-place, he had over 5,000 extras milling around, a tightly packed sea of humanity, with Ava Gardner and Bill Travers, an up-and-coming British actor, trying to force their way through.

Anybody who still has illusions left about the glamour of film-making should have watched that morning's work.

THEY'RE CUTE

I found Miss Gardner sitting on the edge of a dubious-looking water trough in the middle of the scrub between takes, wedged in between two buffalo. "Aren't they cute?" she drawled, brushing frantically to keep the flies off. "We're going to have one cast in bronze to take home."

With 5,000 extras, all men, women, and children, goatherds and tonga drivers, working for him at 15 a day, compared with their normal 25 or less, Cukor is doing just a little bit to alleviate the extreme poverty of some of Lahore's poor. And if it's real colour and atmosphere you need in films, this is it.

Bill Travers, by the way, is the only one of the cast who won't have to be taught how to say his Hindi lines, of which there are quite a few. He was with the Chindits in Burma as a young soldier and spent most of the years 1940-46 in India, Malaya, and Ceylon. He speaks fluent Hindi and Urdu.

GLAMOROUS

It's being whispered around on the B.J. set that 20-year-old Diana Chapman, a small-part actress from Shepherd's Bush, is uncannily like Ava Gardner, for whom she doubles in the film. She's glamorous at that, although it's hard for a girl to

look her best in a temperature of 90 degrees. Especially after she has rushed up a railway footbridge across two platforms and down the other side to lower than 15 times in a hot afternoon.

"It's fun," she said, "my first film part but oh, it's hard on the feet and figure."

Lahore, incidentally, is not the sort of place to come and watch a film unit on location if you are hoping to see the stars in their glittering social off-moments. Transport, on a Cukor unit, collects the cast at 7.45 a.m., and deposits them back at the hotel, hot and dirty, just before sundown.

Stewart Granger brought an armory of hunting rifles with him, but has so far not fired a single shot.

"I'm not interested in partition or buck," he told me. "Hell, man, you can get those anywhere almost. It's just a matter of having enough time after filming is over to be over in India to get me one. And some saris for Jean," he added quickly.

EXHAUSTING

Miss Gardner finds long days on location work in tropical heat fairly exhausting and has been getting herself a "Garbo reputation" off duty. She retires to her bath and usually spends the evenings sewing and playing Beethoven and Mozart on her record-player.

Her present ambition is a little puzzling, coming from one of Hollywood's leading glamour ladies. "I'm just dying to meet Sir Thomas Beecham," she said, "and I am hoping Sir Malcolm Sargent will be able to arrange for me to meet him."

Somebody down in the bazaar gave her a pot of kohl, the black eye make-up which the ladies of India have been using for centuries. Ava has been experimenting with it off the screen and hopes to introduce it into Hollywood.

At week-ends, when she can get a clear day off from filming, Miss Gardner goes out to the house of some American friends, rolls up her sleeves, and produces a lunch of grilled steaks or Southern fried chicken, North Carolina style like home.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 18. Orders By Lieutenant Colonel O. F. Newton Dunn, Commandant Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated May 3, 1955.

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1st Platoon—Thursday May 10, 1955.
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ATOM-POWERED ANSWER TO RUSSIA Under Polar Ice

Anchorage, May 5.
Atom-powered submarines travelling to the attack under the frozen surface of the Arctic seas may be the West's answer to any future Soviet aggression, according to the world famous Australian aviator and polar explorer, Sir George Hubert Wilkins.

Sir Hubert is at present in the far north testing Arctic clothing for the military authorities. Before coming to Alaska, he attended the launching of the first atom-powered submarine, The Nautilus, at New London, Connecticut. He says that he is convinced that such undersea craft could play a decisive role in any northern war operations of the future.

Sir Hubert's exploits include numerous Arctic and Antarctic expeditions using ships and aircraft, and one aboard a submarine. His first trip to the polar regions was as a member of the Stefansson Arctic expedition of 1913.

FIRST EXPLORATION

Nearly 20 years later, in 1931, he commanded the first undersea exploration of the Arctic, in the area north of West Spitzbergen. An earlier nameplate of the Nautilus was used for this expedition.

"After many years of war, people are finally starting to believe me when I say the Arctic is important in world affairs," Sir Hubert said here.



SIR HUBERT WILKINS

He emphasised that as early as 1919, he and General Billy Mitchell were lone proponents of the idea that the Arctic would some day be a bastion of defence against Russia.

Today, the concentration of military forces and defence outposts in the Arctic by both the East and the West bears out their visionary belief.

In this atom age, America must face the intense cold of the Arctic if she is to be prepared for defence and, if need be, offence, according to the Australian explorer. "This means the US must maintain an army in the Arctic at all times," Sir Hubert said.

Sir Hubert said that he became convinced that submarines could play a decisive role in Arctic defence or offence even before his undersea exploration of the polar seas. In 1929, as head of the Detroit Arctic Expedition, he made numerous flights over the Arctic pack ice from the northern coast of Alaska.

On March 29 of that year, he and Ben Eielson, pioneer Alaskan bush pilot, took off from remote Point Barrow on their first long trip over the Arctic Ocean. It was 30 degrees Fahrenheit below zero (about minus 34.5 Centigrade) as they made a five and one-half hour flight to the north-west. When they were more than 500 miles from Alaska's northern shores, their engine began to miss.

Eielson brought the crippled plane down safely on the ice and proved something which Sir Hubert had long contended: that wheeled aircraft could land safely on the polar sea.

While the bush pilot was repairing their craft, Sir Hubert chopped holes in the ice and detonated charges to take echo soundings. He found that the Arctic ocean at that point was more than three miles deep.

Until then, popular opinion was that the water in the Polar seas was only 1,500 feet or less deep.

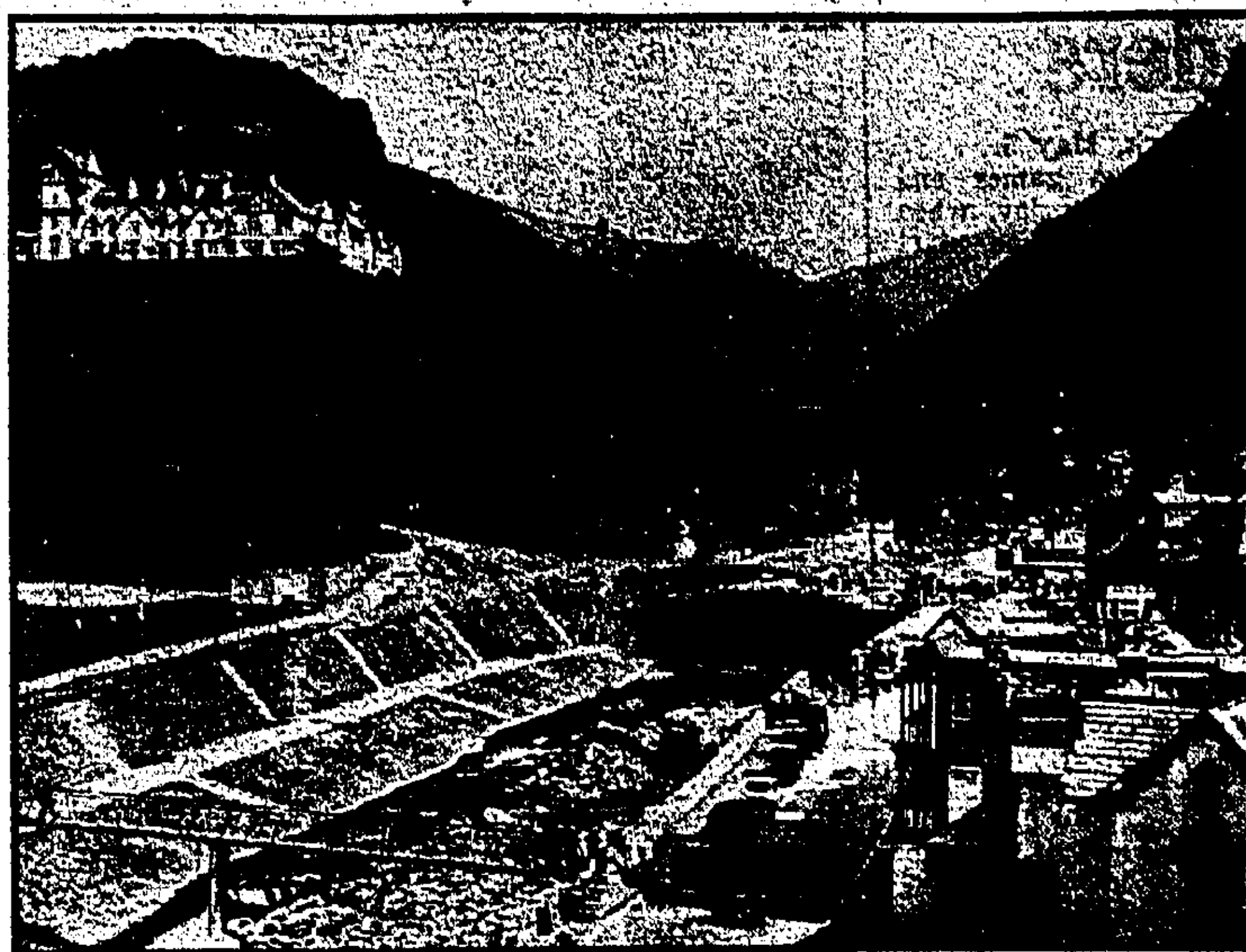
FELL IN

Sir Hubert said that the great depth of the Polar seas, combined with the unusually clear quality of the water, convinced him that wartime submarine operations there were possible. He proved the clarity of the polar sea waters, at first-hand—while on the pack ice he fell into the sea through a thin spot.

The explorer believes that atom-powered submarines would be an important weapon in any future Arctic war because of their ability to stay submerged indefinitely. Aircraft from Alaska and other bases, he declares, would have to smash through a heavy Russian network of aerial defences in the event of the United States being forced into war and wishing to carry out offensive strikes.

But, he added, "Submarines could move without much detection. Then they could surface, launch their missiles and disappear as unobtrusively as they came." — China Mail Special.

FRENCH CIVIL DEFENCE APATHY LYNNMOUTH RISES AGAIN



Nearly three years ago flood waters raged through this tiny Devon village of Lynnmouth, sweeping 22 people to their death. Now, as the 1955 holiday season dawns, Lynnmouth shows this almost normal scene. — Reuterphoto.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hong Kong. The latest posting times elsewhere which in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

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Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
S. Africa, Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Italy, France, 2 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.

NO DEAL WITH INDONESIA

Djakarta, May 5.
The Indonesian Economic Affairs Ministry denied today that the Government intends to permit resumption of barter compensation transactions between Indonesia and Hong Kong and Singapore.

The Ministry said it had no plans to allow barter trade neither now nor in the foreseeable future.

The Ministry said that the misleading reports might have started as a result of offers from abroad to resume barter trade. — United Press.

Radio Hongkong

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6. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.30. Children's Half Hour. "The Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame. Adapted by May Jennings. Part 4. "The Road to Nowhere". 6.45. Song Parade. 7. Set to Your Partners. 7.30. "Viewpoint". A Weekly Magazine devoted to the Arts. Edited and introduced by Janet Tomblin. Books Reviewed by Julian Newman. "Last Recollections of My Uncle Charles" by Nigel Balchin. "The Seasons of the Year" by Alice Walker. 7.50. Weather Report. 8. Time Signal and The News (London Relay). 8.30. Commentary (London Relay) on Special Announcements. 8.15. Artist of the Week. Sara Nelson (selle). 8.30. London Studio Melodies. Frank Chapple and his Orch. (BBC). 9. Time Signal. Ninth Hour. Classical Requests presented by Allen Daviler (Station). 10. Book of the Week. "The Letter" from America by Aleister Cooke (Recorded London Relay). 10.30. Record Parade. 10.50. Weather Report. 11. Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay). 11.15. Goodnight. (Music). God Save the Queen. 11.30. Close Down.

Authorities Have Plans For 'Ostrich Heads'

Paris, May 5.
French civil defence authorities are working hard to prevent the civil population from being caught unprepared in the event of war. But they are hampered by public apathy and by lack of Government funds. Their plans so far are still at the "general staff" level.

According to M. Maxime Roux, head of France's National Civil Defence Service, too many people in France think that there is nothing to be done against modern air attacks. Frenchmen are "a bit apathetic," he said, and tend to have an "ostrich approach" to civil defence.

The problem, he continued, is to make people feel an "absolute duty" to help in civil defence. Even with modern nuclear super-bombs there are always people on the fringe of the bombed area to be saved. In addition, the soldier at the front must know that maximum precautions are being taken to protect his family.

The key centre for France's civil defence preparation and propaganda is the National Civil Defence School, which comprises (a) a fire protection school in Paris for firemen, and (b) a general civil defence instruction school at Nainville-les-Roches, about 26 miles from Paris.

This school is in a modern chateau in a 90-acre park. Once a holiday home for a toundryman's union, it was bought by civil defence authorities for about £24,000.

CONVERTING IT

Another 34,000,000 francs was spent on converting it, so that it now provides 33 civil defence students with comfortable bedrooms, lecture rooms, cinema, workshops and a luxurious television-equipped bar.

Instruction is given by four teachers who have taken

courses at the British National Civil Defence School at Sunningdale.

The school has four main lines of action:

1. Informing and instructing higher technical and administrative officials about civil defence.

2. Helping to work out civil defence doctrine and control.

3. Making people civil defence conscious.

4. Acting as a civil defence library. It consists so far of 450 French and foreign books on the subject.

Students following courses from five days to a fortnight include local government officials, civil defence officers, engineers, high police officials, officials from the National Staff College and industrialists. Ten women from local government offices and civil defence organisations were among the 421 students who have attended the school so far.

SHOWN FILMS

Courses include lectures on civil defence laws and control, principles and effects of nuclear fission bombs, methods of protection against them, biological and chemical warfare, evacuation, and air defence and alert systems.

Students are also shown films of atom bomb explosions and their effects and a film on the bombing of Berlin in the last war.

M. Marcel Diebolt, 42-year-old head of the Nainville school, said that practical exercises had not started there yet. Courses were still at the "general staff" level.

But for future practical exercises, an exercise ground including a "bombed" building, tunnels and various models of air raid shelters is being set up.

"Grassroots" civil defence training for local groups will be given in three regional centres. One at Lyons and one at Toulouse are expected to be ready early next year. A third will be set up somewhere in the Paris region.

The Nainville school deals not only with wartime problems of civil defence, but also those of peacetime disasters, such as earthquakes, floods and forest fires. Lectures are given on the peacetime as well as wartime application of the national emergency aid plan, known as ORSEC, which is applied at departmental, regional and national levels according to the extent of disaster.

The plan went into operation on a national scale during disastrous floods last January. M. Roux directed it.

M. Diebolt said that many students from Nainville became useful propagandists and were organising civil defence lectures in their home districts, borrowing lecturers and films from the school.

M. Roux, questioned at a Press conference about civil defence plans against possible atom bomb attacks, said that general evacuation plans are now being studied and plans for a nationwide alert system are "quite advanced."

LONG TERM
Long term planning includes the construction of shelters which can be used as garages or warehouses in peacetime.

Aid teams should be prepared and trained. M. Roux emphasised the use of mobile columns in fighting, rescue work and bringing in food supplies. On the basis of Japan's experiences with first atom bombs, it was calculated that one rescue worker would be needed for every three victims.

M. Roux said that credits for French civil defence were very small. Their "absolute minimum" requirements were 87,000 million francs (about \$29,000,000) a year. In the current financial year, they had been granted 1,500 million francs (about \$2,500,000).

French civil defence authorities co-operate closely with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's civil defence experts. This Organisation's chief adviser for civil defence, Sir John Hodsoll, helped in getting the Nainville school going.

Civil defence experts from Germany also take part in discussions. Sir John Hodsoll said that a valuable exchange of information was going on with the Germans on this subject. — China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Les Falk and Phil Davis



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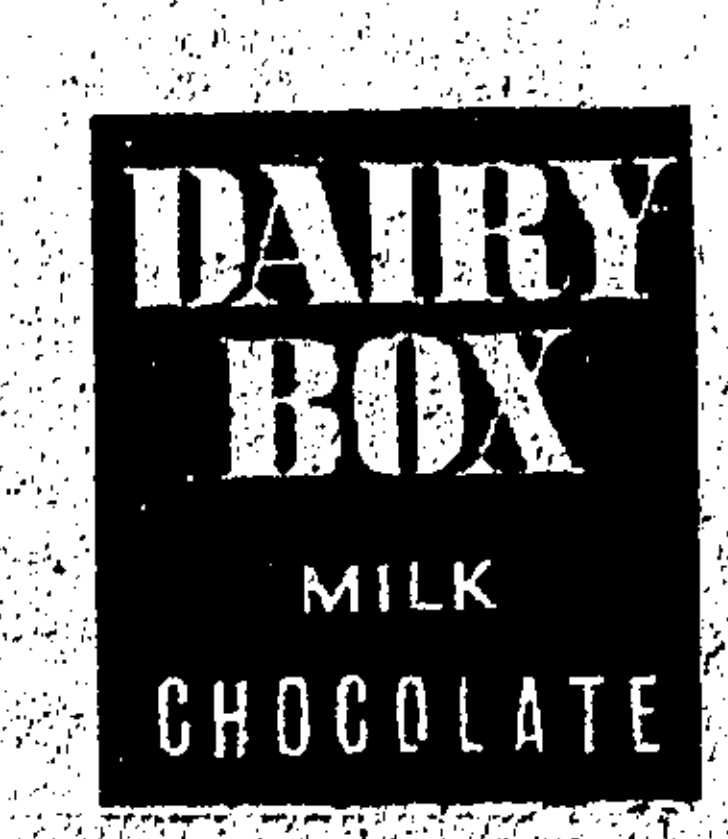
NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



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By Frank Robbins



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

U.S. Rubber Consumption
A Record

Washington, May 5. The Natural Rubber News said today that United States rubber consumption in March and for the first quarter of the year had established a record.

This publication of the Natural Rubber Bureau here said March consumption figures amounted to 134,676 tons and the first quarter consumption amounted to 377,918 tons.

It pointed out that if consumption continued at the first quarter rate for all 1955 then rubber consumption would amount to nearly 1,500,000 tons.

Consumption of natural rubber in March was 57,933 tons maintaining about the 43 per cent ratio to total rubber consumption which was set in February.

The Rubber News said that constantly increasing consumption reflects the higher automobile production in Detroit and also the very high rate of replacement tyre business, as well as the produced very high replacements in the second quarter due to the build up of tubefless inventories.

It then said although the estimates of United States consumption in 1955 have been raised by industry sources about 150,000 tons since the first of the year, the entire increase is forecast to be synthetic—United Press.

British Petrol Dividend

London, May 5. British Petroleum Company announces gross £75,246,911, an increase of 17 per cent from the £63,893,228 earned the previous year. But depreciation takes £20,406,091 in 1954 (previously £20,058,243) and taxation £19,592,977 compared with £19,342,232.

Net profit is £24,349,873 compared with £23,589,434, a gain of three per cent.

A final dividend of 14 per cent less tax is announced. This is on a capital increased by the free share issue four shares for one. An interim on the smaller capital of 5 per cent has already been paid—United Press.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, May 5. The tin market was steady with spot losing 3/4 to £710 1/4 and three-month 1/4 to £714 1/4. Turnover was 50 tons of which 25 tons were for cash.

Closing prices in sterling per long ton were:

Spot buyers	710 1/4
3-month buyers	714 1/4
Spot sellers	711 1/4
3-month sellers	715 1/4
The zinc, copper and lead	
markets were very steady today	
Prices closed in sterling per	
long ton follows:	
Spot Copper	
buyers	306 1/2
sellers	306 3/4
3-month Copper	
buyers	320 1/2
sellers	321
Lead	103-103 1/4
1st half Aug.	103 1/2-104
1st half May	88 1/2-89 1/4
1st half Aug.	87 1/2-88 1/4

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"Dangerous Agitators" Sentenced

Remarking that he had formed the opinion that the three defendants were "dangerous agitators" and were "a constant incitement to disorder," Mr. I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning sentenced three former coolies of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown to three months for besetting the company's coolies living quarters.

In his judgment, the Magistrate said: "I may say at this stage that peaceful picketing is, of course, permitted under the Ordinance, and in cases of dispute, those employees who have grievances—either real or imaginary—have the right to attend the premises of their employers for the purpose of peacefully obtaining information, or even peacefully persuading any person to work or to abstain from working."

Mr. Morris held that the three accused had been properly dismissed by their employers, and that after dismissal they deliberately remained on the Company's premises for the purpose of creating trouble. They were overtly truculent when spoken to and continued in attempts to disrupt the work carried on by other employees. Mr. J. R. Oliver of Messrs Deacons appeared for the Prosecution.



One of the most popular attractions at the traffic exhibition which has been organised by the Hongkong Police is an automatic test for learner drivers. On a board are different traffic signs with numbers and numbered answers. But the answers may be under the wrong sign. If the operator pushes the right sign for the right answer, a bell rings. Picture above by staff photographer shows visitors to the exhibition testing their driving knowledge.

Boatman Cross-Examined In Lighters Claim

Cross-examination by Mr Leslie Wright of Leung For-kun, head boatman of Lighter No. 22 which was sunk during the typhoon of September 2, 1953, was continued at the Supreme Court this morning at the hearing of the case between the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., plaintiffs, and Wang Kee and Co., defendants.

Mr Wright alleged that it was Lighter 22, belonging to the Godown Company, which hit a sister lighter, No. 72 and straddled its bows and then shortly afterwards Lighter 72 sank.

This was denied by the witness. The case is being heard by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, who is sitting with the Assessor, Mr J. P. Hewitt, Senior Surveyor of Ships, of the Marine Department. Plaintiffs, represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr. T. A. Shurlock, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadson, of Messrs Deacons, are claiming damages totalling \$70,533.15 from Wang Kee and Co., stevedores, and merchants, of 34-37 Connaught Road Central, arising from the sinking of four of their lighters and damage to three others during the typhoon in the Colony on the early morning of September 2, 1953. Plaintiffs alleged negligence on the part of

Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr Y. K. Kan, of Messrs Lo and Lo. In their claim, plaintiffs alleged that by the negligence of the defendants, their servants and agents, lighters belonging to defendants were adrift and bore down and collided with plaintiffs' lighters, sinking four and damaging three.

NOT VERY BAD
Leung declared that he knew that the No. 3 Typhoon Signal was hoisted at 2.30 a.m. on September 2 but he did not move his lighter from No. 1 hatch of the Nellore to under the ship's bows until 3.30 a.m. because the weather was not then very bad. Earlier on he had considered the position by the No. 1 hatch a safe one. Witness said he went on duty at midnight, expecting to continue to load cargo and wait for instructions. There were no instructions to continue. He waited until the weather worsened and then moved his lighter to a safer position.

Leung said that the mooring of five lighters together under the bows of the Nellore provided protection. Mr Wright asked him whether he agreed, as an experienced lighterman, that by shifting his craft to the outside of No. 57 under the bows of the Nellore he would get no protection from any westerly or northwesterly winds.

Witness replied that when he was at the side of the Nellore the mooring ropes were perpendicular. By lying alongside the bows of No. 57 he would still be protected by the Nellore and the ropes would not be perpendicular. Moreover, in his new position, he would not be in danger of bumping against the side of the Nellore.

Mr Wright pointed out that the three lighters nearest to the Nellore under the bows of the Nellore stretched out abreast to the full width of the Nellore's beam so that Leung's lighter being the fifth and the outside one would have the full force of the wind.

Leung said that even if he had remained by the No. 1 hatch he would also have the full force of the wind. Mr Wright put it to the witness that he would not have been so exposed if he had moved between the No. 1 hatch and the stem of the Nellore.

Leung said he could not do that in view of the proximity of the other lighters at the bows. He denied that he was in that position when he got his family off the lighter by having them cross to the other lighters and on to the wharf. Mr Wright put it to him that it was while he was in this

position, after having got his family off the Lighter 22 that the lighter hit Lighter 72, straddled her bows and shortly afterwards 72 sank.

The case is proceeding.

1956 Public Holidays

It was notified in the Gazette today that the following General and School holidays will be observed during 1956: Every Sunday; first week-day, January 1; Monday, January 2, the day following Chinese New Year's Day, Monday, February 13; Tuesday following Chinese New Year's Day, Tuesday, February 14; Good Friday, Friday, March 30; the day following Good Friday, Saturday, March 31; Easter Monday, Monday, April 2; the Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen, Saturday, April 21; Whit Monday, Monday, May 21; the first week-day, July 1; Monday, July 2, the first day following August 1; Monday, August 1; the 30th day of August, Thursday, August 30; Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Day, Wednesday, September 14; the third Monday in October, Monday, October 17; the day following Remembrance Sunday, Monday, November 12; Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25; and the 25th of December, Wednesday, December 28. School holiday—Empire Day, Thursday, May 24.

NATURALISATION

The privilege of British naturalisation has been conferred on the following persons, the Gazette today announced: Miss Cheung King-yin, known as Agnes Cheung (qualified midwife); Mr Ip Chi-chiu (Police "Sub-Inspector"); Mr Dai-ichun Dschun (or Chin) (merchant); Mr Leung Kwai-yee, known as Leung Sing-yee (managing director); Mr Ko Yin-yue (Chairman, Board of Directors); Mr Abdul Hussein, known as Abdul Hussein (merchant); and Mr Chua Ek-chiam (manager).

MEDICAL BOARD

H.E. the Governor has appointed the following to be Members of the Medical Board for a term of three years, it was announced in the Government Gazette today: Dr. E. L. Lee, Dr. W. H. Chan, Professor L. G. Kilborn (vice Professor Gordon King).

BIBLE INCIDENT IN COURT

At Central this morning Charles Joseph O'Neill, who faces committal proceedings for attempted blackmail, asked Mr J. E. Durling whether he could put to the witness he was cross-examining "a personal question."

On receiving permission from the Magistrate, defendant asked Mr R. V. Lederhofer, Managing Director of Shewan, Tomes and Company, "what is your religion?" The reply "Roman Catholic" brought O'Neill to the witness stand in three quick strides and he reached for the Bible.

With the Holy Book in one hand O'Neill pointed out that it was a Protestant Bible and that as a Roman Catholic Mr Lederhofer was not bound to tell the truth.

Taken aback Mr Lederhofer assured the Court that he considered himself under oath. Just as the Magistrate was about to send for a Catholic Bible, the witness interrupted with: "I have sworn on two bibles." He held up the Bibles and O'Neill retired saying that he was satisfied.

O'Neill, a 32-year-old teacher of London is charged with three counts of demanding money with menaces. He is alleged to have, on December 21, 1954, uttered a letter demanding with menaces \$1,000 from George Thomas Palmer, and another \$1,000 from Palmer by letter on December 27, last year. The third charge alleges that he uttered a letter demanding with menaces \$2,500 from Rudolph Victor Lederhofer on December 28, last year.

Detective-Insp. J. S. Howarth is for the Prosecution. Continuing his cross-examination of Mr Lederhofer from this week, O'Neill asked him whether he recalled how many applications were received in reply to an advertisement. Witness replied that he could not remember but when defendant put it to him that the records at the South China Morning Post showed over 70 applications he agreed that it was "likely."

"SIFTING"
Asked whether a lot of "sifting" had to be done before the company decided on employing defendant, Mr Lederhofer explained that there was always a great amount of sifting to be done before a decision was reached. Assuming that there had been 70 replies, 60 might have been discarded through lack of qualifications and of the remaining 10 some three or four might be interviewed.

Q. Did you divulge your intentions in regard to my duties to anyone in the company before going on leave?
A. Yes. The hierarchy of authority were informed of your position and duties. Asked to pin-point Mr Lederhofer said that Mr Parsons was aware of O'Neill's duties. He did not however know whether Mr Palmer was also cognisant but he would be astonished if Mr Palmer had no knowledge whatsoever of defendant's duties.

In answer to further questions the witness said that the (address) report made by Mr Palmer was requested by Mr Parsons and that he could not remember whether it had been written or verbal.

RESIGNED
"Did Mr Palmer leave your employ shortly after I was dismissed?" asked defendant. Receiving an affirmative reply O'Neill pursued with "Was he dismissed or did he resign?" "He resigned."

Asked for the reason of Mr Palmer's resignation, witness hesitated and sought direction from the Magistrate. Mr D. H. Khan, Senior Revenue Inspector, said that he did not see in what way the question was relevant and reminded defendant that everything said was being taken down and would remain on the deposition. He

Appointed Acting Director

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr F. Hamilton, Acting Deputy Director of Civil Aviation, to be Acting Director of Civil Aviation during the absence of Mr Muspratt-Williams. It was announced in the Government Gazette today. Other appointments gazetted were: Mr D. H. Khan, Senior Revenue Inspector, to be Deputy Chief Preventive Officer; Miss E. S. Booth to be Nursing Sister; and Miss F. White to be Sister Tutor.

DENTAL BOARD

H.E. the Governor has appointed the following to be Members of the Dental Board for a term of three years, it was announced in the Government Gazette today: Dr. Raymond S.H. Lee, Dr. Lai Tai-chi, Dr. Poon Lam Fong, Dr. Raymond K. W. Tang (vice Dr. Lien Tsou-kyu).

Case For Supreme Court

Orders of certiorari and mandamus were granted by the Full Court this morning to the Attorney-General in an ex-parte application arising out of the dismissal by Mr H. H. B. How, Kowloon Magistrate, of an application by the Director of Commerce and Industry for the forfeiture of 60 tons of gold seized on board the vessel Wing Sang on September 16, 1954.

The Full Court comprised Mr Justice T. J. Gould (acting Chief Justice) and Mr Justice J. Wicks (acting Puisne Judge). This morning's application sought (1) an order of certiorari to remove into the Supreme Court and to quash an order purporting to dismiss an application for forfeiture of certain gold of which Yeung Lam-po was the claimant, made by Senior Revenue Inspector J. R. Allen on behalf of the Director of Commerce and Industry, which was the subject of a case heard before Mr Justice How at the Kowloon Magistracy on April 22 last and (2) an order of mandamus for the Magistrate to hear the application.

"BAD IN LAW"
The grounds of the application were that the order of the Magistrate was bad in law as recorded and in the reasons given by his decision, that the application was properly made under Regulation 84 of the Defence Regulations, 1940, and that the Magistrate had jurisdiction to hear the application.

Appearing on behalf of the Attorney-General, Mr J. W. D. Hickley, Crown Counsel, said the circumstances giving rise to the application were as follows: On October 12 last year, an application was made on behalf of the Director of Commerce and Industry for forfeiture of certain gold. The application was made under Regulation 84 of the Defence Regulations. After hearing argument on a preliminary point as to jurisdiction, the Magistrate gave his decision on April 22 this year and by that decision he held he had no jurisdiction and made an order dismissing the application.

Asking the Full Court to grant the application, Mr Hickley cited authorities in support. Granting the orders in the terms of the application, the Full Court ordered that it be returnable at 10 a.m. on May 18.

Nursing Board

H.E. the Governor has appointed the following to be Members of the Nursing Board for a term of three years: It was announced in the Government Gazette today: Misses Lau Mei-yuk, Grace Hui, Florence Wong, Irene Rose Hasler, and Francis White. It was also announced that Dr. Daphne Chun has been appointed by the University of Hong Kong to serve as a member of the Nursing Board for three years.

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MR. LUI KAM-TO

Newspaper Technician Becomes A Playwright

Most people—at one time or another—have been afflicted with the urge to write, and young Lui Kam-to is no exception. The only difference is that Lui, who works on the technical staff of the SCM Post Ltd., has managed to "sell" the efforts of his work to Radio Hongkong.

His one-hour play, "The Tragedy of a Young Violinist," will be heard over the Cantonese network of Radio Hongkong to-morrow evening. Of the 14 roles, five will be played by Lui's colleagues which include a chief cashier, a composer and a book-binder.

Lui's "urge" began some three months ago when he joined the Drama Group of the SCM Post-School Association. An avid reader and fan of Chinese plays, he decided to try his hand at being a playwright.

Mr Au Yeung Ping, the Chairman of the Drama Group, saw the completed play one month after Lui started writing—and decided that it was good enough for a public performance. Copies of the manuscript were sent off to Radio Hongkong.

Finally, one day in March a reply was received from Radio Hongkong accepting the play, and fixing a date for its broadcast. The Drama Group enrolled a cast, and began rehearsals which lasted for hours after the day's work was done.

The simple plot revolves around a young overseas student who returns to Hongkong to find that his only way of making a living is through his violin. He falls in love with a married woman, whose husband divorces her for paying too much attention to the violinist. The couple announce their intention of getting married, and meet with violent objections from the man's mother. The heroine commits suicide in despair, and the young violinist—heartbroken over his tragedy—gives up what promises to be a budding career as a violin genius.

Lui, who is 22 years of age, is rather dazzled by the success of his work. "I'm just interested in plays, and never thought I'd write one," he said. Naturally he hopes it will be a success.

Town Planning Board

H.E. the Governor has appointed the following to be Members of the Town Planning Board for a period of one year as from April 1, 1955: It was announced in the Government Gazette today: The Hon. the Director of Public Works (Chairman); the Hon. the Chairman of the Urban Council; the Assistant Director of Public Works (Buildings); the Assistant Director of Public Works (Engineering); Professor R. G. Brown, Mr. B. E. Faber, Mr. G. H. J. and Mr. R. H. Hughes (Secretary).

Claimed To Be Reporter

Claiming to be a press reporter, 24-year-old Kwok Hung, alias "Shu-hung," alias George Kwok, of 57 Sha Po Road, came before Mr T. Creighton at Kowloon this morning charged with being a suspected person found loitering. It is alleged that the defendant was found on the night of May 4, at the entrance of No. 24 Junction Road with the intention of committing a felony. Insp. C. L. Smith's application for the defendant to be remanded until May 10, was granted.

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